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MEN'S ATHLETICS

Coach Lantz resigns

Lantz: What I did was wrong

'Physically engaging' player finishes nine season stint

By NICK PARKER
MANAGING EDITOR

After nine seasons at the helm, Jon Lantz has decided to step down as head coach of the Missouri Southern football program.

Lantz' resignation, which was announced Tuesday afternoon, came after a sideline altercation during the fourth quarter of Saturday's 40-39 overtime win over Emporia State.

Junior defensive back Marc Salahuddin received an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty after Southern's defense stopped the Hornets on a fourth-and-1 play. Lantz "physically engaged" Salahuddin on the sideline after the play.

Salahuddin, a transfer from West Los Angeles Junior College, declined comment Wednesday.

Lantz said frequent off-the-field incidents

also played a role in his decision to resign.

"I think the timing is right," he said. "After 24 years... I wouldn't have grabbed a kid like that 10, 12, 15 years ago. After you do this for a while the stress kind of gets to you."

"This comes with the latest of a handful of off-field incidents in my nine years that have certainly not done anything to compliment Missouri Southern. I do think the off-the-field situations have to contribute and weigh on a coach's mind. I think if there is one thing I won't miss, it will be worrying about getting a phone call in the middle of the night from JPD (Joplin Police Department) or somebody like that."

He also said the decision to resign was a mutual one made with men's athletic director Jim Frazier and the College administration.

"I started talking to Jim about yesterday (Monday) morning. I apologized to my football team and to the young man and to the staff on Sunday. I was still having trouble sleeping — what I did was wrong."



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TIM WILSON/The Chart

Former Lions head football coach Jon Lantz called for a time out during a recent game, but on Tuesday called for a permanent time out as head coach after his "physically engaged" a player during Saturday's game against the Emporia State Hornets.

Green takes over head coach duties

By DEBORAH SOLOMON
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

The changing of the guard has come early for Missouri Southern football. Jim Frazier, men's athletic director, has appointed Rob Green, offensive coordinator, as the interim head coach.

"My position on football is that the head coach should be in charge of the kicking game and the offense," Frazier said. "With four games remaining, the interim head coach should be making those decisions. With him (Green) having the title of offensive coordinator, he became the head coach."

Green, 33, came to Southern from Putnam City West High School in Oklahoma City in April 1993. He spent two seasons coaching the Lion secondary and one as special teams coach before becoming offensive coordinator.

"It is in my plans and goals to be head coach at this level," Green said. "The opportunity arose, and I readily



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STUDENT LIFE BEAT

“We wanted this to be a really nice parade.”



TIM WILSON/The Chart

Zeta Tau Alpha sorority members (from left) Holli Whitacre, Tiffany Jones, Heather Gray, and Amber Lybeck go over plans for their Homecoming float. The Homecoming parade begins at 12:30 p.m. Saturday.

Groups work hard for big day

By AARON DESLATTE
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

In the midst of wide-spread construction on campus and in the Joplin area, the banging of a few extra hammers might go unnoticed. But members of the 14 student organizations contributing to Missouri Southern's Homecoming parade hope the end product will not escape detection so easily.

In commemoration of Southern's 60th anniversary, this year's Homecoming festivities will have a different look than in the past. Displays, which have traditionally been a part of the Homecoming competition, have been removed in order to increase club interest in float construction.

Nathan Moss, senior physics

major and president of Koinonia Campus Ministry, says float construction is a more tedious project than most think.

"(Float construction) does take a lot of time and effort," Moss said. "One of the things in our favor is that we have a large enough organization to spread the work out and not burden any one person down."

Moss does not believe the removal of displays will improve the overall appearance of the parade.

"In the past, a lot of groups have used stuff from their displays on their floats, so I really don't think it will make that much of a difference."

Val Carlisle, coordinator of student activities, says the changes were necessary in motivating

clubs to increase the quality of float entries.

"We wanted this to be a really nice parade. We wanted organizations to go all out on their floats," Carlisle said.

"For this year only, we raised the prize money from \$150 to \$500 so the stakes would be higher."

In addition to increased prize money, participating clubs will also receive larger

Student LifeBeat



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CBHE

Library waiting for funding

By J.L. GRIFFIN
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

If Charles Kemp looks a little pained lately it's because he's had his fingers crossed for weeks now, and it doesn't look like they'll be untangled anytime soon.

Kemp, Missouri Southern's head librarian, is waiting for the final word that will start the renovating process of Spiva Library. Southern's library renovations and addition were expected to be approved by the state last year. However, Gov. Mel Carnahan saw a need for more prisons and axed most of the appropriations for higher education's capital improvements.

"I'm going to keep my fingers crossed, and that's all I can do," Kemp said. "July 1 I'll be happy if it's signed."

July 1 is the start of the new fiscal year.

It won't be until January when Carnahan rolls out his budget plans for the coming year that the Coordinating Board for Higher Education will find out how close the letter Carnahan's budget staff followed its recommendations.

Meanwhile, Kemp has been staking out other libraries to see what kinds of features might be added when the plans are drawn up.

"I want to see what other good features libraries have we could incorporate," he said.

College President Julio Leon is equally anxious about the project and also the Ummel Technology Building renovations that have been approved by the CBHE.

Leon said the College is expecting a 12 percent increase in the general operating budget, but only 7 percent of that is considered "new money" or discretionary funds. The other 5 percent is for mission enhancement and the retirement fund.

"Part of the funding we receive is based on 'Funding for Results,'" Leon said.

Those funds are based on how Southern students perform in national tests.

Excluding the capital improvement funding, Southern has been recommended for a general operating budget of \$20,681,082. The mission enhancement funds are for \$531,131, and the retirement money totals \$373,115.

Last year, the College's budget was \$18,250,116. It received no capital improvement funding.

Leon also said there were still plans to bring a new building to campus.

"We think we will have a need on this campus when we consolidate all the allied health programs into just one facility," he said.

Leon said he will likely speak to legislators if a planned House of Representatives budget subcommittee meeting is held in November. □

SPECIAL SECTION

Liu brothers look back fondly

By J.L. GRIFFIN
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Two extremely weary tourists plopped their exhausted bodies upon their hotel beds at the Tianlun Dynasty Hotel in Beijing when the knock came.

"Hello, I see you're in," he said with a broad grin.

Suddenly the familiar face to the two tourists revitalized them. They were excited to see someone they knew in a land so far from their world. Not too long ago Dr. Kezhen Liu was probably feeling the same way when he was teaching Chinese language at Missouri Southern.

The three sat around and talked for an hour about what the two

China:

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SPECIAL TO THE CHART

Kezhen Liu (left) celebrates the Chinese New Year with his brother Kexi in Joplin in spring 1996. Tourists had done since arriving in Beijing that afternoon. They all laughed when Kezhen pointed out the size of a painting one of the tourists had bought was "too big," placing emphasis on the "too."

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SECURITY
REPORT

1	10/16/97	Lot #14	3:15 p.m.	Security was contacted about an argument between a male and female in Lot #14. The woman claimed the man had been following her around campus all day and had followed her to her car. Joplin Police Department was called to the scene.
2	10/20/97	Taylor Hall	11:30 a.m.	Jennifer K. Doshier, senior, middle school education major, fell in Taylor Hall room 113 and heard a loud pop from her ankle. Her husband transported her to Freeman Hospital.
3	10/20/97	Lot #16	1:05 p.m.	Andrea D. Day, senior, elementary education major, reported that her purse, containing several credit cards, was stolen from under her car.
4	10/20/97	Lot #21	1:20 p.m.	James R. Macmoran, freshman undecided major, reported that he parked his father's 1973 Chevy Blazer in front of Dishman Hall early in the morning. When he returned to the vehicle, the air had been let out of all four tires. A coat hanger was found next to the vehicle.
5	10/20/97	DEH Dorm	1:45 p.m.	Jerry Springer, grounds crew worker, discovered that someone broke down the middle Bartlett Pear tree between D-E-H dorms and splintered it to the point that he had to cut it down. Springer said this was the third tree he has been forced to cut down in the past weeks.

CAMPUS CRIMES

Vandalism runs rampant

By AILEEN GRONEWOLD
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Some students will do anything to get a good parking space. At least that's one theory behind the rash of vandalism in the parking lot behind Webster Hall. In three separate incidents, signs reserving faculty/staff parking spots have been torn down. "The signs have been bashed off the posts and are just lying on the ground," said Judy Stiles, general manager of KGCS-LP. "I'd say the first incident was about a month ago. "One theory is that students are doing it so they can park in these spots and then appeal the ticket on the grounds that the space was not marked." Stiles believes there may be other

explanations for the vandalism, however. "It isn't necessarily our students," she said. "It could be local kids. This parking area is one of the most visible." According to campus security, vandalism of the signs is a routine occurrence, but the Webster Hall parking lot seems to be a favorite target right now. "Usually it's just one at a time," said Bill Boyer, chief of security. "This seems to be a concentrated effort." In addition to faculty parking signs, a stop sign in the Webster Hall lot also was down this week. "As far as we know, that was an act of vandalism, too," Boyer said. Stiles wonders if the vandalism will escalate into something more serious.

"If they're vandalizing the signs, I wonder about the safety and security of the building," she said. "We have a lot of students in and out of this building at odd hours." According to Craig Richardson, prevention officer, the vandalism does not seem out of the ordinary. "There's not a sign on campus that hasn't been torn down sometime," he said. "Sometimes they pull post and all out of the ground." Richardson said a certain amount of vandalism to the buildings is also common. "We know it's coming; it's just a matter of when," he said. "We can't be everywhere at once." One solution to the sign problem, Stiles said, would be to paint "reserved" on the curb and eliminate the signs.

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"This is not a kind of thing to be taken lightly. I think you have to sit back and look at yourself and wonder why you act and react in ways that you do. And if you do that, you ask what is wrong and try to solve it. This truly is a mutually agreed-upon thing that maybe it's the right time and maybe the right timing."

Lantz said other options were discussed, but all felt his resignation was "the best option for the good of the school and the good of the program." Lantz, 48, will serve as an assistant to Frazier for the remainder of the academic year. "I think Coach Lantz has made the best decision for the school, the program, and for himself," College

President Julio Leon said. "The administration has accepted his resignation." Lantz leaves Southern with a 51-35-1 record. The highlight of his nine-season tenure was the Lions' 1993 MIAA championship season. Lantz led the Lions to a 9-1-1 mark that year, which included a 20-3 victory over Pittsburg State University.

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HOME COMING '97

Southern set to celebrate sixtieth year

Campus organizations plan promotional activities for upcoming anniversary

By GINNY DUMOND
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Strike up the band, ready the confetti, and gear up for a week full of activities as Missouri Southern prepares to celebrate its 60th anniversary.

Several campus organizations are planning activities for the coming week to promote themselves and the College in this anniversary year. This year's theme is "Southern Celebrates 60."

"I like this theme," said Val Carlisle, coordinator of student activities. "With this one I think there is more flexibility."

More flexibility for the makers of the Homecoming floats, that is. This year's float entries total 14, up five from last year. Everything from the moon landing to a history of fashion is slated to be displayed on the floats, and Carlisle says she is pleased with the effort organizations are putting out.

"Some of these groups have been working for

weeks already," she said.

Part of the incentive to work so diligently on the projects may come from the \$500 prize for first place and the \$200 reimbursement available for the cost of construction materials.

"We've always reimbursed \$100 for the floats and \$100 for the displays, but since we left out displays this year we upped it to \$200 for floats," Carlisle said.

She also thinks Thursday night's talent show will be as big a hit as last year's, steering away from some of the lip synching that has been so abundant in the past.

"I think it will be really good. There's a lot more variety, and last year it seemed like there was mostly real talent," she said.

The week's activities kick off Monday with a hair cut-a-thon sponsored by the Campus Activities Board and the Psychology Club. Several area hair stylists will be on campus charging \$5 per student for a hair cut and style.

Tuesday evening is Scary Movie Night at the Student Life Center. The two movies on tap are *Psycho* and *From Dusk Till Dawn*.

"Of course we have prizes and free food when we do these things," Carlisle said of the movie night.

Thursday will be the talent show at 6:30 p.m.

in Webster Hall auditorium, followed by the bonfire and yell contest at 8:30 north of Fred G. Hughes Stadium. Carlisle says she hopes there will be a high level of student involvement in the yell contest, which pits groups of students against one another with a reward of \$100 for the loudest group of yellers.

"A group does not have to be an organization," she said. "It can be the wing of a dorm or a department. \$100 will buy a lot of pizza."

Friday's all-campus cookout is free to students with IDs and will begin at 10:45 a.m. Campus royalty will be announced at noon. Also that afternoon, food services will be holding a costume contest with a \$100 prize.

The walking tour of the campus offered for alumni, beginning at the Alumni House, will start at 11 a.m. Lee Elliff Pound, director of alumni affairs, says the walking tour is new this year.

"They (the alumni) can see the changes the College has made. Some of them haven't been back on campus for years," she said.

Saturday's recognition of the Outstanding Alumnus at the alumni recognition brunch is another project that Elliff Pound is working closely with.

"It (the brunch) is an opportunity for everyone

to get together to Homecoming and renew friendships and for the students to see the importance of friendships now for when they become alumni, to see how much their paths will cross," she said. "We usually have between 200 to 250 people who come for the brunch and the game."

Students wanting to attend the brunch are encouraged to contact the Alumni House by Monday.

The parade, which will begin at 12:30 p.m., has been moved from downtown to the College campus this year.

"I hope it will improve the atmosphere, and I hope a lot more people on campus will come to watch and cheer," Carlisle said.

At 2 p.m., during the pregame show, the winners of the float and Dare to Care program will be announced.

The game against the University of Missouri-Rolla will begin at 2:30 with the Homecoming king and queen announced at halftime.

"Of course, the dance is afterward at the Holiday Inn's Pine and Cedar Rooms," Carlisle said.

The dance will begin at 8 p.m. and end at midnight. Students with IDs are admitted free of charge, and guests will be charged \$3.

SOUTHERN NEWS BRIEFS

Recruiting reception planned by administration

Missouri Southern is hosting a reception for students and parents in northwest Arkansas at 7 p.m. Thursday at James at the Mill, 3906 Greathouse Springs Road, Johnson, Ark.

College President Julio Leon; Dr. Erik Bitterbaum, vice president for academic affairs; the College's four deans; representatives of Southern's honors program; and Southern students will be at the reception to present information and answer questions.

General information about educational opportunities at Southern will be presented. Details about Southern's international mission, admission standards, and financial aid will be included in information presented.

Southern alumni in northwest Arkansas also are invited to attend the evening reception. Representatives from the Southern Alumni Association will be present.

Seating is limited and early reservations are strongly encouraged. Persons may call 1-800-606-MSSC (6772).

Students and parents in Bentonville, Rogers, Alpena, Berryville, Decatur, Eureka Springs, Farmington, Fayetteville, Gentry, Gravette, Green Forest, Greenland, Harrison, Lincoln, Pea Ridge, Prairie Grove, Springdale, Siloam Springs, West Fork, and other schools in the region are invited to the event.

International pianists slated to visit Southern

Five internationally renowned pianists from Denmark, Korea, Poland, and the United States have been named as judges for the 1998 Missouri Southern International Piano Competition.

The seventh MSIPC will be held April 21-25 at Southern.

Judges will be Jane Allen of the United States; Yung-Hae Chun, Korea; Mogens Dalsgaard, Denmark; Susan Duehlmeier, the United States; and Jan Gorbaly, Poland.

The competition is held every two years. Requests for applications have been received from 28 countries so far. Thirty-five contestants from around the world are invited to compete.

A documentary, "Passion for the Ivorys," which tells the story of the 1996 competition, was produced by Missouri Southern Television with footage from area TV stations. The program has been shown on PBS stations across the United States and will be shown internationally. The MSIPC World Wide Web site is www.mssc.edu/pages/MSIPC.

For more information, persons may contact Vivian Leon, MSIPC director, at 417-625-9755.

UMKC receives funding for nursing program

The University of Missouri-Kansas City school of nursing has received \$175,000 in state funding for the family nurse practitioner program offered in Joplin.

Since 1994, Joplin-area residents have attended the UMKC nursing master's program through on-site teaching and interactive television. In December, the first graduates received their diplomas. UMKC offers the master of nursing program at a video class site at Missouri Southern.

UMKC receives funding for nursing program

Leslie Kirkland, a recent graduate of Missouri Southern, will be speaking about a homeless transitional program and community house.

The talk, sponsored by the Economic Security Corporation and the Social Science Club, will be held at 12:15 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 4 in Webster Hall Room 223.

OUTSTANDING ALUMNI

Southern's first grad given award

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- 1971—Dennis Weaver
- 1972—Vernon Lawson
- 1973—Dr. Arrell Gibson
- 1974—Robert Higgins
- 1975—Dr. & Mrs. James Stephens
- 1976—Dr. Kenneth Bowman
- 1978—Jack Dawson
- 1979—Robert Moyer
- 1980—Dr. Edwin Strong Jr.
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- 1987—Glen C. Barnett
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- 1989—Michael L. Storm
- 1990—Dr. Cynthia Carter Haddock
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- 1991—Lt. Col. Barbara J. Bevins
- 1992—L. Howard Hartley, M.D.
- 1993—Wayne Woodard
- 1994—Dr. Samuel Miller
- 1995—Jesse A. Reed
- 1995—Dr. Samuel Miller
- 1996—Charles T. Butler, Ph.D.
- 1996—Janet Lynn Kavandi, Ph.D.
- 1997—John Causten Currey

The Outstanding Alumnus award is given to the alumnus who has gained recognition in his or her profession. The award was created in 1989.

By KEVIN COLEMAN
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

On Missouri Southern's 60th anniversary, it's only fitting to honor the first person to receive a diploma from Joplin Junior College. However, the man with that distinction would be worthy of the Outstanding Alumnus of the Year award anyway.

"I was the first graduate," said John Causten "Enos" Currey. "What happened was the people who were graduating from Joplin Junior College with associate's [degrees] in science or business came after those who were graduating with an associate in arts, and among the arts graduates, my name came alphabetically first. And that's how I got to be the first graduate across the stage."

Before his retirement in 1982, he led a life full of honor and distinction.

"You might say I had two careers," Currey said. "One with the military and one as a journalist." Currey, 77, joined the military in 1941. He was one of the first American airmen assigned to England in World War II. He also served in North Africa and was appointed military governor of San Severo, Italy. He worked with President Harry Truman during the mid-1940s, briefing him about the Berlin Blockade and Airlift and Soviet maneuvers during his service with Air Force Intelligence and the Central Intelligence Group (now known as the CIA). During the Cuban Missile Crisis, Currey helped gather intelligence on the Soviet arms buildup.

After the Air Force, Currey went to work as an editorial writer and columnist for the *Daily Oklahoman* and the *Oklahoma City Times*, where his column ran three times a week for 22 years.

"My editor, after about a year of me writing in (the column), said, 'I thought you'd run out of things to write about after a year, but you seem to have something every day,' and I said, 'Well there's a front page every day,'" Currey said. "There's always something in the news to write about."

At the time of his retirement he was the editorial editor for the *Colorado Springs Sun*.

Currey has received numerous awards in both his military and civilian careers, including the Distinguished Achievement Award by Military Order of World Wars,

the George Washington Medal, the Sons of the American Revolution Good Citizens Award, and the First Place Editorial Award from the U.S. Industrial Congress, as well as several Bronze Stars.

During his visit to Southern last fall, Currey was bestowed the honor of being the first person to sit on the reconstructed sitting wall. Now, one year later, he is being awarded Outstanding Alumnus of the Year.

"We do a mailing every year to our Alumni Association members," said Lee Elliff Pound, director of alumni affairs. "We ask them to nominate people they think are outstanding in their career fields."

Nominees must have graduated from Southern or JJC and worked in their field for 10 years to qualify for the award. The Alumni Association awards committee goes through and narrows the nominees down until a winner is selected.

"They had several to go through," Pound said. "We thought how appropriate it would be on the 60th anniversary to have the first person who graduated from the College because his work has been so exemplary."

Besides being the first graduate of JJC, Currey had a hand in making Southern what it is today. He was one of a group of students who decided the College should not be segregated.

"We went to the school board and said, 'If you'll pass this bond issue so we can remodel that building (original JJC building at Fourth and Byers), we'll go door to door and turn out the vote,'" Currey said. "But we also made a pact with them that there would be no segregation."

"At that time, Missouri law required first through 12th grade students be segregated by race," he continued. "We had a real Jim Crow law in Missouri at that time. So the school board agreed to that, and they also put an expansion of the Negro school on the bond issue. So Joplin Junior College became the first college in the state of Missouri to be integrated."

Suzanne Gilpin, alumni board president, will present the Outstanding Alumnus Award to Currey at the alumni recognition brunch at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 1 in the Connor Ballroom at the Billingsly Student Center. He will be recognized again during halftime of that afternoon's Homecoming football game.

VISITING ALUMNI



TERESA BLAND/The Chan
Actor Dennis Weaver and his wife Sherri recreate a photo taken of them when the sitting wall surrounded Joplin Junior College.

Weaver visits College to propose curricula

By NICK PARKER
MANAGING EDITOR

One of Joplin's favorite native sons and Missouri Southern alumnus returned to the College Oct. 17.

Dennis Weaver, one of the stars of television's *Gunsmoke* and *McCloud*, visited the campus of his alma mater to present potential curricula to some members of the College administration, faculty, and staff.

Southern is looking into the possibility of adding classes dealing with environmental health to its curricula. Weaver, founder of the Institute of Ecological Economics based in Ridgeway, Colo., has been a long-time environmentalist.

"I've been on the planet for quite a few years and I've seen some major changes happening which really have disturbed me," he said.

He coined the term *ecolonomics* — a combination of ecology and economics.

"The whole idea is to utilize the power of business and the power of education to create a sustainable economy and a sustainable environment," Weaver said. "Which together gives us a sustainable future."

"I equate money with manure. If you pile it up it stinks, but if you spread it out it helps grow things."

Weaver said he believes the key to solving the environmental problems is to involve industry and the business world. The trick, he said, is to find a way for business to make a profit.

"They have to make a good profit. What the Institute is doing is trying to help create and identify environmental businesses and industries. Businesses that create good

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STUDENT SENATE

Three campus organizations request, receive allocations

By AARON DESLATTÉ
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Cheerleading uniforms topped the list of requests from student organizations at the Student Senate meeting Wednesday night.

The Collegiate Music Educator's

National Conference, the Collegiate Middle Level Association, and the Southern Cheerleaders all requested and were allocated \$1,000, with the primary debate arising from the cheerleaders' request, which was to be used for new uniforms.

Cindy Wolfe, squad adviser, said the cheerleaders, who are annually

funded \$4,000 from the athletics department, were required to attend a summer cheerleading camp in order to train with six new members, and camp expenditures dipped into funding normally reserved for cheerleading uniforms and equipment.

Wolfe said the squad's "unique

group status made a funding allocation its best option.

"By the athletic department, we are considered a student organization," Wolfe said.

With the three allocations, the Senate's remaining balance for the semester is \$2,736.35. Aber says it is typical for the Senate to run out of

money before the end of a semester, but adds that Senate meetings will still serve a purpose after the money is gone.

"We've run out [of money] before," she said. "I think a lot of the senators get scared about it, but it will give us a chance to discuss more of the issues we deal with."

EDITOR'S COLUMN

Homecoming could mark end of apathy

So, just how apathetic are we? Are the stereotypes about commuter colleges ringing true on the Missouri Southern campus?

Will more students show up at the movies Saturday afternoon than on the parade route?

These questions and more, ladies and gentlemen, will soon be answered as Homecoming week is knocking at our door.

There are numerous organizations planning events and looking for volunteers.

Every day next week there will be opportunities to participate in the 1997 Homecoming campaign. From helping construct floats to attending the talent show, there is always a way to get involved.

Every special interest and/or major on this campus will be represented or has the opportunity to be represented on this campus.

If you're not in any clubs, go out and find something; there is something out there for you.

Part of the college experience is finding people with similar interests and doing things you like to do together and forming relationships. Part of the college experience is also freezing your tail off at a football game or standing in the rain with a painted face cheering as the marching band goes by.

As Missouri Southern celebrates 60 years in the career training and skill developing business, alumni and area residents will come out to enjoy the parade and cheer in the stands. This is also the perfect opportunity for current students to come out and show the community that this is not a lackadaisical, self-important generation, but one unafraid to acknowledge tradition and show a little pride in our educational system.

Sure, Homecoming is about tradition and celebrating times gone by, but it is also about making new traditions and things to celebrate.

Working on *The Chart*, I look closely at the news we run every week, and though this is only my third semester on the paper I have already figured out who the handful of people are who seem to make things happen on this campus and what organizations are most active.

Some phenomenal crowds could prove me wrong. Some Lions' voices roaring Saturday would make me willingly concede. Let's see some school spirit, let's take a break from our everyday grind to shout a little, let's take a break from being "Generation X" and wake this campus up.

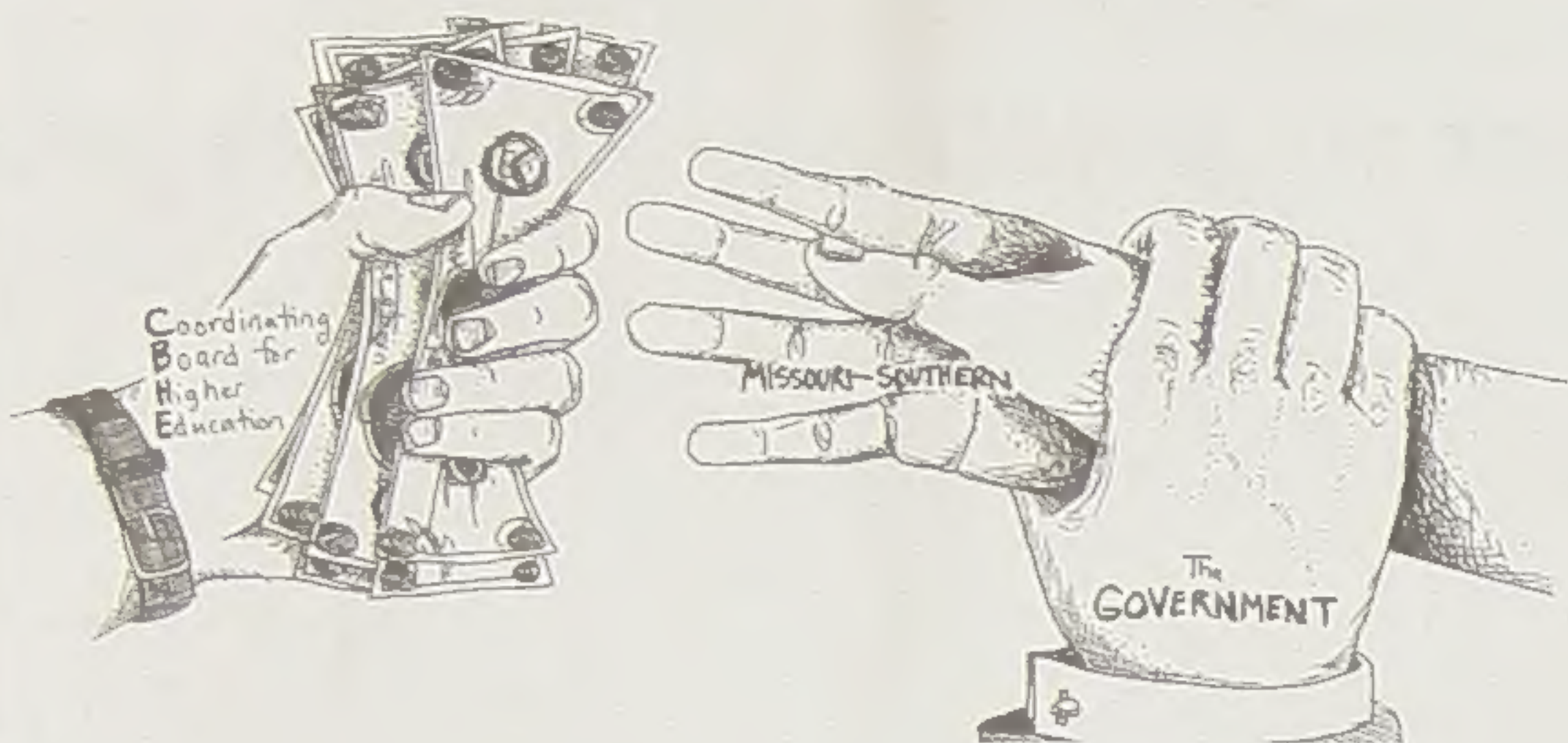
Even if it just means showing up to the alumni luncheon Saturday, getting a cheap haircut Monday, or grabbing a partner and heading for the Holiday Inn after the game, Homecoming week cannot only be enhanced by your participation, but Homecoming week can enhance your experience at Southern.

Several people are going to a great deal of trouble and expense to provide a Homecoming week to remember, but the real value of those efforts is yet to be seen.

We, the student body, have the option of making the upcoming week a campus-wide success or one in which the same players with the same organizations continue to play the same tired game of campus involvement as always. □



Ginny Dumond
Associate Editor



OUR EDITORIAL

Unsigned editorials on this page express the opinions of a majority of The Chart editors. Observations elsewhere on the page represent independent viewpoints of columnists, cartoonists, and readers.

We want our fair share

With the second phase of the budgeting process out of the way and Missouri Southern looking like it should fare well, the biggest obstacle is coming up.

The obstacle is Missouri's government. Last year, Gov. Mel Carnahan nixed plans that would have brought renovations and additions to the College's Spiva Library. Instead, he spent the money on prisons.

After shipping hundreds of Missouri prisoners off to a private Texas prison and facing lawsuits from the action, it became apparent the state needed the prisons. The need was amplified when some of those same prisoners were shown in a videotape being brutalized by prison guards and dogs.

Higher education needs that same attention, however. There seems to be no doubt that Missouri's higher education facilities are some of the best in the country. Presidents from many of these institutions have been in place for more than, or close to, a decade. This is well above the national average, which is used to having these presidents swap jobs every four or five years. That says something about the system and it says something about the colleges and universities.

ties. These are people who have invested much of their lives into seeing visions come to fruition.

The government needs to be fair when deciding what gets priority in funding, but after last year, it seems quite apparent higher education should get bumped up a few notches on that list.

Southern has followed the rules of the game and gone on its own without help to start the field house project. That could have just as easily been an appropriations request.

The College has shown good faith in the government over the years. It has endured the doubtful in the statehouse who questioned the need for an international emphasis, only to put forth one of the most successful of the mission enhancement programs. We have conceded to the Coordinating Board for Higher Education to bring other university's graduate programs onto our campus instead of starting our own. Now we want some consideration when it comes time to fund the upcoming fiscal year.

Southern has surmounted every obstacle the state has thrown at the College. This year the government needs to break down any barriers and let all colleges and universities enjoy a less strenuous turn. □

YOUR LETTERS

The Chart welcomes letters from readers. Letters must be signed and include a phone number for verification. Letters should be 300 words or fewer. Submit letters to The Chart office on the third floor of Webster Hall, fax them to (417) 625-9742, or send via E-mail. Our E-mail address: Chart@mail.mssc.edu. Letters are due by noon Monday for publication in that week's edition.

Environment needs to be put first, not fences

In regard to last week's article "Campus caretakers offer warnings on cup painting," I am appalled. It seems to me that the fact of the matter shouldn't be that the cups are painted while in the fence at all, but rather that they are there in the first place. The display in itself is one of the, if you'll pardon the pun, trashiest things I have ever seen.

A previous article pointed out that the hideous chain-link fences on our campus are here to protect us. They lead us to crosswalks and in turn safely through traffic as if we were mindless sheep. The fences, which obviously don't contrast themselves enough to the natural beauty of our campus, need to be brought into focus with garish Styrofoam cup displays of various student organizations. The

article points out that the displays, when seen from the street, make the campus look "busy" and "nice." Boy, do I agree with the former, but couldn't disagree more with the latter.

Pushing the thought of the constant eye-sore aside, I must raise the question of the environmental impact this display has. First of all, the cups rarely stay put, making more work for the campus groundskeepers. This moves our cups from merely taking up space on our campus to taking up a collective space in the landfill alongside those that we've thrown away at home and when we've eaten a hearty fast food lunch. Secondly, the cups break down at a painfully slow pace and leave behind something even more detrimental

that we don't have to look at. Ah yes, our favorite CFCs to steadily deplete our ozone and heat up our planet exponentially. As if a Missouri summer wasn't unbearable enough.

Our article not only sashays around the issue to point out the importance of painting the cups before they are in the fence, but also tries to place this practice as a part of our heritage. It was the aerosol spray, the atomic bomb, and New Coke, but we are doing what we can to ensure we don't ever have to use them again. Progress starts when we begin to be responsible and watch out for our future and that of our children.

Timothy Fisher
Sophomore history major

NOW group set back by disparaging comments

"Because women's work is never done and is underpaid or unpaid or bring or repetitions and we're the first to get fired and what we look like is more important than what we do and if we get raped it's our fault and if we get beaten we must have provoked it and if we raise our voices we're nagging bitches and if we enjoy sex we're nymphos and if we don't we're frigids and if we love women it's because we can't get a 'real' man and if we ask our doctor too many questions we're neurotic and/or pushy and if we expect child care we're selfish and if we stand up for our rights we're aggressive and 'unfeminine' and if we don't we're typical weak females and if we want to get married we're out to trap a man and if we don't we're unnatural and because we still can't get adequate safe contraceptives, but men can walk on the moon and if we can't cope or don't want a pregnancy we're made to feel guilty about abortion and ... for lots and lots of

other reasons we are part of the Women's Liberation Movement." — From *Women's Rights Manifesto* N.O.W. online catalog, www.now.org

Had you done some research for your Oct. 10 article "Local feminists..." you might have been able to accurately report that liberal and radical feminism are theoretical perspectives which attribute different causes to women's oppression.

You might have known enough to state that N.O.W., the National Organization for Women, was founded in 1966 and currently has over 250,000 members and hundreds of chapters across the country. I offered to give you material on the organization's positions, but you refused saying you'd look it up on the N.O.W. web site, which you apparently failed to do.

What you did accomplish with your article is the perpetuation of stereotypical images of feminists with your claim that a

radical is "assertive, aggressive."

The majority of people in the U.S. believe that women should have equal rights and opportunities. This is what N.O.W. advocates.

Yes, I am a feminist. I believe that women are oppressed in this country. I believe that capitalism and male-dominance oppresses not just women, but racial and ethnic minorities, lesbians and gays, the poor, and the elderly. These beliefs make me a radical feminist. I am proud to call myself a feminist.

The fact that I have the right to get an education, vote, bring a lawsuit, own property, speak in public, and get a divorce is a result of the efforts of women and men who called themselves feminists. It is to their honor that I call myself a feminist.

Cheryl Gray
Senior general studies major

IN PERSPECTIVE

China on road to becoming powerhouse

Last century was Europe's. This century has been North America's. Next century will be Asia's, and specially China's. One third of the global potential lies in Asia.

And here China is expected to take over Japan's leading role and in 25 years become larger economically than both the U.S. and Europe.

China, with 1.2 billion people, is growing strongly with some 8 percent per year, compared with 2 to 3 percent for the U.S.

China is opening a free market, without a free political system.

China has important trade surpluses, specially with the U.S., and will probably soon be accepted as a member of WTO — the World Trade Organization.

Which are the driving forces behind China's growth?

China has an advantage economically as a low-cost producer, which boosts exports.

The people are hard working, disciplined, and eager to raise standards.

Education and improved infrastructure are priority areas.

Savings — as a base for investments — are much higher than in the U.S.

And now the government has decided to start to privatize the big public sector with some 100,000 state companies, which will further support growth.

Will China develop peacefully? This is an open question.

There are evident risks during the next decades that China, as a military power, may want to integrate certain areas — like Taiwan — by force.

But hopefully, the Greater China can be developed as a loose federation, kept together by economics.

Will China develop political super-power status in 25 years? Probably not. Like Europe, it may be too divided. From a U.S. business standpoint, overall, U.S. companies have failed to take a strong position in Asia and China.

One main reason for this probably is the cultural difference, where managers often have looked upon this area as an exotic, poverty stricken, distant place, not considered a serious place for business. But now U.S. multinationals need to take a stronger position in Asia and China.

Suitable actions can be:

■ To set an objective of 30 percent of sales in Asia, in line with global potential

■ To establish a world-scale production facility in Asia

■ To work with local partners and local managers

■ To learn Asian languages and cultures

Also, colleges and universities need to adapt education to this new global situation, both on the international business side, the cultural side, and the language side.

No wonder that several universities in California now have started with Chinese as a second foreign language, after Spanish. □



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CAMPUS CLUBS

Business clubs focus on networking

By KIKI COFFMAN
STAFF WRITER

If the key to success is knowing the right people, then the school of business is a hotbed for prosperous futures.

The school of business is promoting area networking, or bringing in local influential business people, through its campus clubs.

Dr. Elizabeth Rozell, sponsor for the Society for the Advancement of Management (SAM), believes students are the beneficiaries of the networking effort.

"It makes students get out there and meet people," she said. "[Business speakers] come to our meetings and tell the students

what they look for and what classes to take.

"It's beneficial to the student because you never know when knowing the right person might be the difference between getting a job or being left out," she said.

Groups in the school of business expanded their activities by focusing more on the networking aspect.

"Our club has two functions, the first is investing money into stocks and bonds and the other purpose is networking," said Dr. Jasbir Jaswal, faculty co-sponsor of the Economics/Finance and Investment Club. "We've brought in investment bankers and other people to talk with the group, like Rob Baxter, an independent investment banker in Joplin."

Jaswal says the speakers also help the students with practical advice.

"[Baxter] told the students how to buy stocks and get going," he said.

But sponsors aren't alone in their praise. Both students and business representatives have come out of the experiences with positive feedback.

"I've benefited greatly just from some of the advice," said Chad Brown, secretary for the Economics/Finance and Investment club.

"I've talked to several of the area brokers and they told me how to set my major and minor and the things that would help me to get hired, things that would better suit my résumé," he said. "[The brokers] have really helped me out just from talking to them."

Baxter, who spoke to Jaswal's crew, said he enjoyed helping the students grasp some of the basics.

"A couple of [the students] weren't really sure what to look for in the market, like what it means is a stock when interest rates go up, so I just touched on that," he said.

Baxter says the involvement with the students could only serve to help them and the business people involved.

"Any time you meet people and they know what you do, it could possibly turn into business in the future," he said.

All of the clubs involved are anticipating speakers in the near future.

"Everything helps when you're trying to build referrals for jobs," Baxter said. □

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Rob Baxter
Investment banker

INTERNATIONAL TRADE CENTER



MICHELLE COMTY/The Chart

Terry Marion, coordinator of the ITC and professor of business, talks with Iwona Drozdek, assistant researcher for the ITC and senior business major from Poland, at the center, located in Matthews Hall.

ITC helps students, businesses

By MICHAEL RASKA
ASSISTANT EDITOR

The international mission at Missouri Southern has many faces in many different areas. One of the large sectors where the mission is applied is in the school of business, in the International Trade Center.

The ITC has been created to support local companies to develop their international business, according to Terry Marion, ITC coordinator and professor of business.

"The mission of ITC has a dual purpose," Marion said. "First, to develop and enhance an international business curriculum with opportunities to study international management, finance, and marketing; to develop a proficiency in languages; and to complete an internship in an international organization in another country."

"Second, to develop international consulting and resource assistance for four-state organizations and individuals who are or wish to be involved in international trade."

The ITC provides local businesses with studies, market research, information sources, business plans, translation services, and trade leads to help them export their products overseas, Marion explained.

The ITC also works with the World Trade Center in St. Louis and the Department of Commerce, said Dr. Bo Strombom, ITC coordinator and professor of international business from Sweden.

"We support newcomers starting up international business transactions, also companies already involved in foreign markets who want to expand, and

international companies wanting support in specific areas," Strombom said.

"My job as a research assistant is to find out the info needed about a specific country, get all the report statistics, import duties, tariffs, and etc.," said Iwona Drozdek, assistant researcher for the ITC and senior business major from Poland.

"When companies want to do business with companies abroad or start their own business, they need to acquire some information about that particular country first," she said.

"I contact different organizations like the United Nations, Department of Commerce, International Trade Association, and others that help us to acquire these data and statistics we need."

Some of the local companies that cooperate with the ITC are: Eagle-Picher, Joplin, producer of batteries for satellites; Dalton Industries, Nevada, investor in hotel business in China; Steelcraft, Miami, Okla., distributor of channels for leaf springs in Europe; and many others.

"Just by calling so many people around the globe and telling them that we are from Joplin, Mo., brings MSSC a big recognition," Drozdek said. "It gives us hands-on experience."

The ITC, established a year ago, employs several Southern international students. The service is free, according to Strombom.

"Globalization creates more and more jobs," he said. "Southern gives the opportunity for students to get more involved in international business, and also for the community business to expand their markets abroad."

For more information about the ITC, persons may call 417-625-9538. □

ACCOUNTING

Faculty experiment with new concept

New teaching method focuses on small group work, problem solving approach

By EILEEN COR
STAFF WRITER

Generations of teaching techniques are under scrutiny due to a cold reception to a bold move by accounting instructors. Dr. Steven Roark, associate professor of business, and William Paapanen, professor of business, spent a year investigating and researching how other colleges and universities were teaching their accounting classes. They visited several in the four-state area and found some to be using a changed approach.

Paapanen said each class is divided into groups of six students. A Readiness Assessment Test is given after a reading assignment, which is immediately followed by the same test given as a team test. Students get scores for both the individual and the team test. This is the format for the entire semester.

"It puts the burden definitely on the student to read, and that's the purpose," Paapanen said. "The group type of approach is rather controversial among faculty. Some faculty buy into it, some don't."

It has been left up to the accounting faculty members how they choose to teach their classes. Roark and Paapanen teach with the new method. Some instructors have chosen to mix both the traditional lecture format and have the teams, while others have decided to continue the original technique.

"A team-centered learning approach can be quite effective but terribly inefficient," said Dr. Mark Comstock, assistant professor of business. "People who are accomplished in the use and production of accounting information can work together, but it makes little sense to me to bring entry-level accountants together to muddle about without a firm grasp of the fundamental activity of accounting."

The ability to think critically involves being able to conceptualize and understand differences and similarities between and among different topics. To do this effectively, the thinker must first have a grasp of the different topics. Group study is best left to the accomplished learner. It is only in my advanced senior classes that I feel the benefits of group study outweigh the costs.

The team format requires students to work together. They meet fellow students and learn to solve problems together. It teaches them organizational and small group communication as well as leadership skills. It promotes class participation in its fullest potential.

Students, however, have mixed opinions about the results. Some prefer the new method.

"I like this better," said Scott Lawrence, senior computer information science major. "You get to work with other people and share ideas. That way you don't have to figure it out all by yourself in case you don't get it completely."

Egor Ushakov, sophomore marketing major, finds the new approach stressful.

"It's too different," he said. "It's not what I'm used to. It's too difficult for me. I prefer the lectures."

Missouri Southern is in its second year of utilizing the team-based format. Two rooms in Matthews Hall have been remodeled with carpeting and custom-made tables and adjustable chairs that can be moved easily around the room to suit each team's personal requirements and induce more personal contact. The atmosphere is that of a corporate office.

"This is a work in process," Paapanen said. "We struggle with it. I struggle with it. It's fun, and I think the students appreciate it." □

HIGHER EDUCATION BRIEFS

SMSU makes honor roll of nationwide colleges

Five Missouri colleges and universities have been selected as members of the John Templeton Foundation Honor Roll for Character-Building Colleges.

Southwest Missouri State University, Central Methodist College, Park College, and William Jewell College were among the 134 named to the Honor Roll. SMSU was one of only eight state-supported schools nationwide and the only public institution in Missouri appearing on the 1997-98 Honor Roll.

Other regional institutions named include John Brown University in Siloam Springs Ark., McPherson (Kan.) College, and the University of Oklahoma.

To become an Honor Roll college, institutions submitted nomination materials that addressed the five selection criteria in essay form. Each school submitted a 200-word summary statement to confirm its commitment in character building.

"We believe the development of moral character can occur in many different types of institutional settings," said Arthur Chickering, visiting distinguished professor at Vermont College of Norwich University. "Each college and university demonstrated different areas of strength and focus."

"The 134 colleges and universities named to the Honor Roll have exceptional character-building programs and deserve this honor."

The Honor Roll announcement took place in the Cannon Caucus Room in the U.S. House of Representatives, in Washington, D.C. The luncheon was attended by more than 300 people.

"Effective character education encourages young people to develop the virtues, integrity, and ideal of service to vital to our society," said Dr. John M. Templeton Jr., president of the John Templeton Foundation. □

St. Joseph convocation to honor Gen. Powell

The Missouri Western State College Foundation will host a convocation dinner in honor of Gen. Colin Powell on Wednesday at Ramada Inn of St. Joseph. The evening will begin with a reception at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7:30 p.m.

After dinner, Powell will host a question and answer session. The cost of the dinner is \$75.

The next morning, Powell will speak at the 1997 Convocation on Critical Issues at 9:30 a.m. in the fieldhouse of the Looney Physical Education Building. His speech will be titled "The Management of Crisis and Change."

The convocation program is sponsored by the MWSC Foundation and is held in honor of R. Dan Boulware, former MWSC regent. □

The Beach Boys, Chicago to visit SMSU next month

A three-and-a-half-hour performance by The Beach Boys and Chicago will rock the Hammons Students Center on the Southwest Missouri State University campus at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13.

Ticket prices are \$35.50, \$25.50, and \$15.50. Tickets may be ordered by phone 1-888-4-SMS-TIX.

A portion of the ticket price for this concert will benefit the Ara Parseghian Medical Research Foundation.

They are a non-profit organization which funds research for the cure of Niemann-Pick Type C disease, a fatal disease which inhibits the metabolism of cholesterol.

The Ara Parseghian Medical Research Foundation was founded by former Notre Dame head coach Ara Parseghian, whose three grandchildren have been stricken by the disease.

The two media underwriters for the performance are KY3 and KGBX. □

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Internships in business offer professional work experience

School looking for legislative interns

By EILEEN COR
STAFF WRITER

Business as usual takes a different meaning with a new internship being offered by Missouri Southern's school of business.

"We are in the process right now of recruiting students for the 1998 spring semester to work with our area legislators in Jefferson City," said Bernie Johnson, director of internships. "We're trying to recruit

at least three interns. They'll get 12 hours of credit for that and be reimbursed for their services."

He said any student may apply. Requirements for all business internships include having completed at least 65 credit hours with at least a 3.0 cumulative grade-point average. A student packet that explains every detail of the internship program is available to students.

"We try to be as thorough as possible to make sure we cover all the bases with the students," Johnson said. "If these students go work in an internship, they make a minimum of \$6 an hour. We want to make sure we don't mess up any of

their student loans or grants."

There is also a packet for employers participating in the internship programs. It explains the entire program in detail.

"We don't want to give free labor to do inventory on a weekend," Johnson said. "We don't want that. We want to give credit for a training program. We have the employer file a proposed training program the student is going to go through, and we monitor that pretty closely."

Professional work experience, academic credit for work, higher pay upon graduation, more and better job offers, and improving one's communication and "people skills" are just some of the benefits a stu-

dent gains in an internship.

Deana Williamson, a 1997 business graduate, had an internship for a year at Ingersoll-Rand. She now works as a human resource assistant for Larco Enterprises Inc., the corporate offices for Sonic franchises.

"I think that [an internship] is a very valuable learning experience," she said. "It provided me with the skills and experience I needed to pursue my career."

Johnson said no more than 20 hours a week of work is allowed in the program. An employer might get good part-time students for an internship and "work them to death."

He said the majority of local companies have hired their interns on a full-time basis.

"They were so happy with them that they hired them," he said. "That's wonderful for the student."

Johnson is looking to recruit new companies for the internships.

He is also willing to work with students and their present employers.

"If a student comes up to me and says they want an internship at the place they are already working, I'll have a contact person there that I'll try to work up an internship with," he said.

"We don't give internships for flipping burgers. It has to be a training program." □

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Homecoming Talent Show deadline, 4:30 p.m., BSC, Room 102

Noon—

Chi Alpha meeting, BSC, Room 306

7 p.m.—

Volleyball v. Truman

Saturday 25

MIAA Cross Country Championship

4 p.m.—

Soccer at Colorado Christian

Sunday 26

Daylight Savings Time begins

1 p.m.—

Soccer at West Texas A & M

5 p.m.—

Newman Club meeting, St. Peter's Catholic Church

7 p.m.—

Sigma Phi meeting, Stegge Hall basement

•Alpha Sigma Alpha meeting, Panhellenic Room

Monday 27

Intramural volleyball signups begin

Cut-A-Thon - \$5 haircuts sponsored by CAB and the Psychology Club, front campus

5:30 p.m.—

Missouri Southern Student Coalition Against Child Abuse Club, BSC, Room 311

7 p.m.—

Baptist Student Union Quest Fellowship, Baptist Student Union Building

Tuesday 28

Scary Movie Night, SLC, free to students

Noon—

Latter-Day Saints Student Association meeting, BSC, Room 313

12:15 p.m.—

Non-traditional student brown bag lunch, Hearnes Hall, Room 211

12:20 p.m.—

College Republicans meeting, BSC, Room 311

7 p.m.—

Koinonia main meeting, College Heights Christian Church

7:30 p.m.—

Faculty Violin Recital, Kexi Liu, Webster Auditorium

Wednesday 29

FHA regional festival, Taylor Performing Arts Center

•Talent Show rehearsal, 1-5 p.m., Webster Hall

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.—

Food Show sponsored by AmeriServe, BSC, 2nd floor

Noon—

Psychology Club, Taylor Hall, Room 123

9 p.m.—

Wesley Foundation Midweek Worship

Thursday 30

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.—Koinonia Lunch, basement of Stegge Hall

12:20 p.m.—

Model UN meeting, Webster Hall, Room 223

2 p.m.—

National Broadcasting Society, Webster Hall, MSTV Studio

6:30 p.m.—

Talent Show, Webster Auditorium
•Fellowship of Christian Athletes meeting, BSC, 2nd floor lounge

7 p.m.—

Zeta Tau Alpha meeting, Panhellenic room

•Baptist Student Union, Thursday Night Together, BSU Building

8:30 p.m.—

Bonfire/Pep Rally, ECM lot

THE MANSION

Campus centerpiece awaits restoration

College officials hope to resurrect landmark for special events site

By JEFF WELLS
STAFF WRITER

The oldest building on the Missouri Southern campus stands vacant, waiting for the College to find an opportunity to use it.

While the Learning Center is located in the Mansion annex, the Mansion itself is empty. In heavy use until Webster Hall was built in 1992, it now houses only myths.

Built in the 1920s, the mansion was the centerpiece of the Mission Hills Farm. The Spanish-style structure was the scene for parties and plush accommodations for the farm's owners and their Hollywood guests.

Southern officials hope to restore the mansion soon so it can be the site of special campus events.

"Our hope is that once we repair and refurbish it, we might be able to also furnish it and decorate it with furnishings of that period," said College President Julio Leon, who was once offices in the Mansion as dean of the school of business.

The restoration will not be an easy task, according to Bob Beeler, director of the physical plant.

"We want to put it back to its historic original," Beeler said. "Some things were

done over the years that are going to have to be undone."

Layers of carpet now cover intricate hardwood floor. Many of the original plumbing and electrical fixtures are still in place but need attention to be in working order.

The sun room and basement are good examples to illustrate the building's past.

The sun room was later used as a classroom. Large east windows let the sun in. A chalkboard faces a fountain decorated with fish sculptures and a basin extending from the wall. The floor is the original blue and green tiling, but the ceiling has been lowered and classroom lighting installed.

The basement has a tunnel that leads to a former fallout shelter. The floor is damp from recent rains while the main trunk line of the campus computer network passes overhead.

"For being vacant, it is in good shape," Beeler said. "We are doing minimal maintenance right now, temperature control, keeping it cool in the winter but above freezing so the plaster won't crack, watching the roof for leaks."

The Mansion is checked daily for maintenance and security.

No definite plans have been made for the restoration, and no date has been set for restoration. However, Leon said the College is getting closer to the project.

"We have had some other important things to do and we just haven't had the chance," he said.

According to Leon, funding is what is holding back the beginning of work. □



Bob Beeler explains the obsolete well system that once supplied water to the mansion. The 1920s building has been vacant since 1992 and will need extensive remodeling at some point.

TIM WILSON/The Chart

FRESHMAN ORIENTATION



TERESA BLAND/The Chart

College Orientation students have placed alcohol awareness displays in every building on campus. The displays were created to increase student awareness at the College of the effects alcohol can have on people.

Real stories drive alcohol message home

By BETH HAMILTON
STAFF WRITER

Alcohol is always a hot topic for conversation. But for the next two weeks, it will be more prominent for students who see the alcohol awareness displays in every building on campus.

These displays consist of labels from beer boxes and bottles made into a collage. In the center are green cards with true stories from College Orientation students dealing with alcohol and how it has affected them.

Brandi Ensor, senior elementary education major, was one of three Orientation leaders who thought up and implemented this idea.

"We wanted to increase awareness of the effects that alcohol can have on people's lives," she said. "And we thought that having them do the little green cards and fill out true life stories might bring this closer to them

by saying this is something that happened to people on campus with you."

Ensor, along with Jason Foster, sophomore undecided major, and Jennifer Pease, senior psychology major, make up the executive board of Orientation leaders who came up with this idea.

"The reason we want to touch on alcoholism is because it's nationwide," she said. "This is for everybody to realize that alcoholism is something major and we all need to talk about it."

Cutting, pasting, and sorting takes up much of their time, but Pease and Ensor believe beer labels will be an effective background for the cards.

"As strict as this campus is, when people see beer labels they're going to stop," Pease said.

Ensor said they will also put up any cards where the student said alcohol has not affected them.

"We wanted to portray both sides,"

Ensor explained about the display.

So how do the Orientation students themselves feel about this?

Charlotte Erwin, freshman undecided major, thinks the signs will draw attention, but that may be all.

"I don't think it will help because most college people drink," she said.

David Hoover, freshman undecided major, has a different view.

"If you think about it, it's really serious and something needs to be done about it," he said. "At least you're trying to do something about it, bringing it to attention."

"It will make people think," said Andrew Rice, freshman art education major.

Ensor said people who have a problem with drinking can receive help in the counseling office in Hearnes Hall. Pease is asking for feedback.

"If students read these things and have a positive reaction to what we've done, let us know," she said. □

RESIDENCE HALLS

Students provide candy alternative

By MARLA HINKLE
STAFF WRITER

On Halloween night, "The Emerald City" from *The Wizard of Oz* will be right here at Missouri Southern. Safe Halloween, which is sponsored by the Residence Hall Association (RHA) and AmeriServe, will provide refreshments for parents and supervised entertainment for young trick-or-treaters.

The activity for children will be held Oct. 31 from 8 to 8 p.m. in McCormick Hall. Deb Gipson, coordinator of the Student Life Center and housing, said the events this year will be organized by residence hall advisers Holley Goodnight and Ron Mitchell.

Goodnight, who will be in charge of the women's residence hall, is excited about the upcoming event.

"This is the sixth consecutive year that the Safe Halloween event is being held here at Southern," she said.

All area youths from kindergarten to sixth grade are encouraged to attend the event, Goodnight said.

"The theme for this year will be 'Welcome to Oz' throughout the building," she said. "The process will involve the girls from McCormick Hall dressing up as characters from the movie *The Wizard of Oz* and leading the children through the building knocking on doors. The girls will then appear as the characters and give them their candy."

RHA officers will be assisting Goodnight in the preparation and organization of the event.

Rachel Webb, president; Brandi Russell, vice president; and Jamie Daniel, secretary, will all play the parts of major characters from the movie. Webb says decoration and planning for the event will take all week.

"We are going to turn the hall into the Emerald City of Oz," she said. "We are trying to make the setting as realistic as possible for the kids by having the yellow brick road for them to walk on in the process of getting their candy."

All SAs (student assistants) will help decorate the entire hall. Members are Nathan Camp, Jamie Daniel, Amy Graves, Guy Grgurich, Debby Hokanson, Jason Kiefer, Anthony Martin, Matt McGee, Heather Merrell, Crysti Mizell, Lori Rains, Brandi Russell, Eric Snyder, Heidi Stevens, Liliana Valencia, Danell Watson, Rachel Webb, Joetta Wigger, Josh Yarnell, Jason Young, and Christy Yun.

Goodnight said the main purpose of the event is to allow the children a safe haven from the uncertainty that comes along with today's trick-or-treating. □

HOMECOMING

Program encourages community involvement for campus clubs

By BETH HAMILTON
STAFF WRITER

A new program allows students and organizations to help others while helping themselves.

This program is called Dare to Care.

Dare to Care gets a big boost Homecoming week, as one of four major activities awarded points toward the Sweepstakes Award. The organization with the highest number of points will win the Sweepstakes Award.

Grant Miller, senior elementary

education major, thought up and contributed to the making of the Dare to Care program.

"Basically, the volunteering or community service that is given by an individual organization on campus will be tallied and incorporated into the Sweepstakes Award, which is, generically speaking, like a 'spirit stick,'" he said. "The reason we've put these (Dare to Care) points in here is to promote the actual program itself."

Miller says the program involves joining student organizations and the United Way as an incentive to

get the College involved with the community.

"I brought it up before the administration last year and it received a lot of approval because Dr. (Erik) Bitterbaum (vice president for academic affairs) and Dr. (Julio) Leon (College president) are supporters of the United Way and feel that is a good cause," he said.

Bethany Lawson, senior sociology major, is involved in Koinonia and works at the Boys and Girls Club of Joplin. Koinonia sends volunteers to help with the Bookin' It program.

"We have two or three people

come every Thursday and read for about an hour for kindergarten through second grade," Lawson said. "They really like it. They look forward to it each week."

The Boys and Girls Club also has a program called The Ultimate Journey, where members learn about the environment.

Koinonia is the only group so far to participate in the Dare to Care program. Lawson says other organizations need to get involved with the community.

"We're going to be doing it anyway, so if we get points for it, that's great," she said.

The Dare to Care program runs from March 1 to Feb. 28 every year. If 50 hours of volunteer time is put in during this time, a certificate will be awarded at an annual recognition ceremony.

As another bonus, Miller said volunteering strengthens résumés and impresses employers.

"There is a great value in participating," he said.

"Homecoming is a good time for organizations to work together," he said. "It strengthens each organization."

"Once they're done, they get to see the results of their labor." □

SOUTHERN SHOWCASE

Art exhibition features College students

By SUSIE FRISBIE
STAFF WRITER

Some Missouri Southern students' talents shine as they score a three-point shot at the buzzer or throw the winning touchdown pass.

And soon the best of the best in the field of art will also receive some recognition for their work.

The Southern Showcase, an annual event in the Spiva Art Gallery, will take place from Oct. 27 through Nov. 21.

The Southern Showcase provides primarily art students, although it is open to all stu-

dents at Southern, an opportunity to put their work on display and share that with the College," said V.A. Christensen, gallery coordinator.

Student submissions are judged in seven categories: ceramics, drawing, graphic communication, jewelry, painting, photography, and sculpture.

"Southern Showcase is a competitive exhibition which means someone outside the College judges the show," Christensen said.

Students submit works of art for the showcase that are then judged by a juror.

Those pieces chosen to be on display compete for first, second, and third places in

their respective category after judging.

"In judging, what you encounter is the competency in technique or composition, design qualities in the work, and the content or expression invested in the artwork by the student," Christensen said.

This year's juror, Gary Warren, an art instructor at Neosho High School and a Southern alumnus, has judged the Southern Showcase twice before and agrees these qualities are valuable.

"When judging I look for composition, design, balance, and when working with colors an analogous color scheme," he said.

Though a cash award is given for first, sec-

ond, and third in each category and in the overall best of show, Christensen believes money is not the motivation of most of these aspiring artists.

"The goal is not so much for the money, but for the honor of having a piece of work in the Southern Showcase," he said.

Christensen believes that this year's Southern Showcase will be a success and encourages students, faculty, staff, and the general public to observe.

"I'd like to extend an invitation for the campus community to come by," he said.

"There is always quite a variation of art here." □

Campus Attractions

On Campus



Performances

■ Dec. 6, 7—The Stolen Prince, Taylor Auditorium

TAYLOR AUDITORIUM

Jan. 28-31—The Runner Stumbles
Feb. 25-28—Guys and Dolls
April 18, 19—Beauty and the Beast

MATTHEWS AUDITORIUM

Foreign Films
Oct. 28—The Murderers are Among Us
Nov. 11—Earth
Feb. 17—Il Grido (The Outcry)
March 3—Page of Madness
March 17—The Promoter
March 31—The Forty-First
April 14—The Torment

WEBSTER AUDITORIUM

Oct. 28—Faculty Violin Recital - Dr. Liu
Nov. 4—Choir Concert
Nov. 6—Lect./Demo., Chinese Music Celebration
Student Recital

Joplin



■ Nov. 28—Blackhawk with Little Texas, Memorial Hall

CHAMPS

782-4944
Every Tuesday—Blues Jam, open mic for musicians
Oct. 24, 25—Walking on Einstein
Oct. 31—Night Train

THE BYPASS

624-9095
Oct. 31—Walking on Einstein

Kansas City

THE BEAUMONT

Nov. 2—Kenny Wayne Shepherd
Nov. 11—Primus

St. Louis

AMERICAN THEATRE

(314) 969-1800
Nov. 3—Matchbox 20 with Lil' Haydn
Nov. 6—Morrissey
Nov. 9—Primus

TRANS WORLD DOME

Nov. 8—U2

AREA PRODUCTIONS



MICHELLE CONTY/The Chair

Stone's Throw Community Theatre prepares for an upcoming production of *The Cemetery Club*, a two-act play.

Comedy takes stage in Carthage

By MICHELLE CONTY
STAFF WRITER

Flighty, serious, sensitive, bold, and eccentric are words describing a two-act play about life in the autumn of life when loneliness and boredom give way to the desire to love again.

The *Cemetery Club* is a sensitive story about being older and without a partner. This is to be Stone's Throw Community Theatre's fifth production of the 1997-98 season.

The production runs today and Saturday, Oct. 30-31, and Nov. 1-2.

A five-member cast portrays life in the autumn of their years while looking for another companion.

In the production of Ivan Menchell's two-act comedy, "four elderly Jewish widows form a group to make visitations to their now-dead husbands," said Henry Heckert, director.

"You like to laugh? Then, you'll want to see 'Bachelor Bill' with four lovely ladies in determined pursuit," Heckert said.

"Doris is one of those people who never wants anything to change," said Carole Lenger, Joplin. "She doesn't acknowledge that her husband is dead and she can't stand the idea that her closest friends are thinking of not going to the cemetery anymore."

Lenger plays the part of Doris; Betsy Fleischaker, Joplin, plays Ida; Sonya Kew-Johnson, Carthage, portrays Lucille; Elisia Conrardy, Carthage, plays Mildred; and William Roehling, Joplin, plays Sam the bachelor.

"Lucille is the one whose husband cheated on her and now she talks about all the men she dates," Kew-Johnson said.

"Each lady is in a different stage of the grief process," Conrardy said.

"I think anyone who watched it (the play) would see characteristics of themselves in each character," Kew-Johnson said.

Conrardy called Mildred a "flighty lady" who comes in toward the end.

"It's a funny play, kind of like a roller coaster ride," she said. "It has its serious side, then you laugh again."

"The stage version is much the funnier, altogether witty and incisive," Heckert said. "The 'expanded' movie version is cumbersome, morbid, and often boring, in spite of the heroic efforts of its large cast of well-known stars."

The comedy's first production was at The Yale Repertory Theatre in 1987. Tickets are on sale now, and reservations are required. The box office is open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. weekdays until Oct. 31. Single admission is \$16, senior (55+) admission is \$15, and student (20 and under) with ID is \$13.

The dinner to be served will be roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, green salad, and White Russian pie.

Doors open at 6 p.m., dinner is at 6:30, and the curtain goes up at 7:30 for the evening performances. For Sunday matinees, the doors open at 12:30 p.m., dinner is served at 1 p.m., and the curtain goes up at 2 p.m.

Anyone wanting to make reservations should call the box office at (417) 358-9665. □

LOCAL BAR

Guest D.J. spins high-energy mix

Champs features disco/techno music new to Joplin dance clubs

By KEVIN COLEMAN
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

High-energy dance mix is the music on tap Wednesday nights at Champs Pub & Grill, 516 Joplin, for the next two weeks.

Bill Avnayim, also known as Big Daddy T, a disc jockey from Eureka Springs, Ark., has been spinning what he calls "a mix of disco and techno music" at Champs for the last two weeks. The show, which starts at 9 p.m., will be brought back for two more weeks.

"High energy is basically disco with a higher rate of beats per minute," Avnayim said. "It's almost a cross between techno and house music."

He said he has been playing the music for clubs in California for seven years now, and thinks high energy will go over well with Joplin's college population.

"High-energy dance music is very popular with people ages 21-29," Avnayim said.

But the show is more than amped-up dance music because Avnayim adds some entertaining touches in live on the show.

"I joke and clown around on stage," he said. "I also do a little karaoke."

Keith McCoy, promotions manager at Champs, saw Avnayim's show at a club in Eureka Springs and thought it could do well in Joplin.

"I saw him play at the [Eureka Springs] blues festival," McCoy said. "A band would play, then he would play between bands. His equipment was so much better that the bands were using it instead of unpacking their's."

"Joplin doesn't have anything like this," he said. "Joplin doesn't have anyone who can do a live show like this. It's just something different."

Avnayim said he wants the audience to enjoy the show when he is performing, and he tries to make sure they're having a good time.

"I try to read the crowd and see what they want to hear," he said. "We're advertising high energy. But if they're dancing to classic rock, I'll play classic rock. If they're dancing to disco, I'll play disco. If they're dancing to funk, I'll play funk."

"If 80 percent of the crowd is dancing to funk, you may lose 20 percent, but you'll keep the majority happy," he said.

"That's the biggest part of being a disc jockey, being able to read a crowd. I can do just about anything but country." □

STUDENT FEATURE

Artist gains global experiences

By BRIAN PALMER
STAFF WRITER

For Gary Crim, senior art education major, pottery is more than just ashtrays or archeology; it's a mode of self expression for life experiences.

Crim's ceramics often contain actual pieces from his life and work.

"I work at a hardware store, and I've started using a lot of nuts and bolts in my pottery," he said. "It kind of reflects what I work around every day."

Like Michelangelo, Crim does not limit himself to one medium. He also draws, paints, and sculpts. "Gary does have a unique ability in the sense that he is quite proficient in two- and three-dimensional art forms, which is quite unusual," said Robert Schwiager, professor of art.

"Usually you'll find a student is strong in one or the other."

That ability allowed Crim to fit in during a summer trip to Sweden with the art department in study drawing and art history.

"We were immersed in their culture, which was a lot of fun," Crim said.

He said the experience was good for him as an artist and as a person.

"As a person, any kind of experience you can have where you see new things and experience new things is going to make you a better person," he said. "As an artist, that's one of the most important things — exposure to what other artists are doing, not only modern art, but historical art."

Crim was given an opportunity to return to Sweden next summer and teach a course in ceramics.

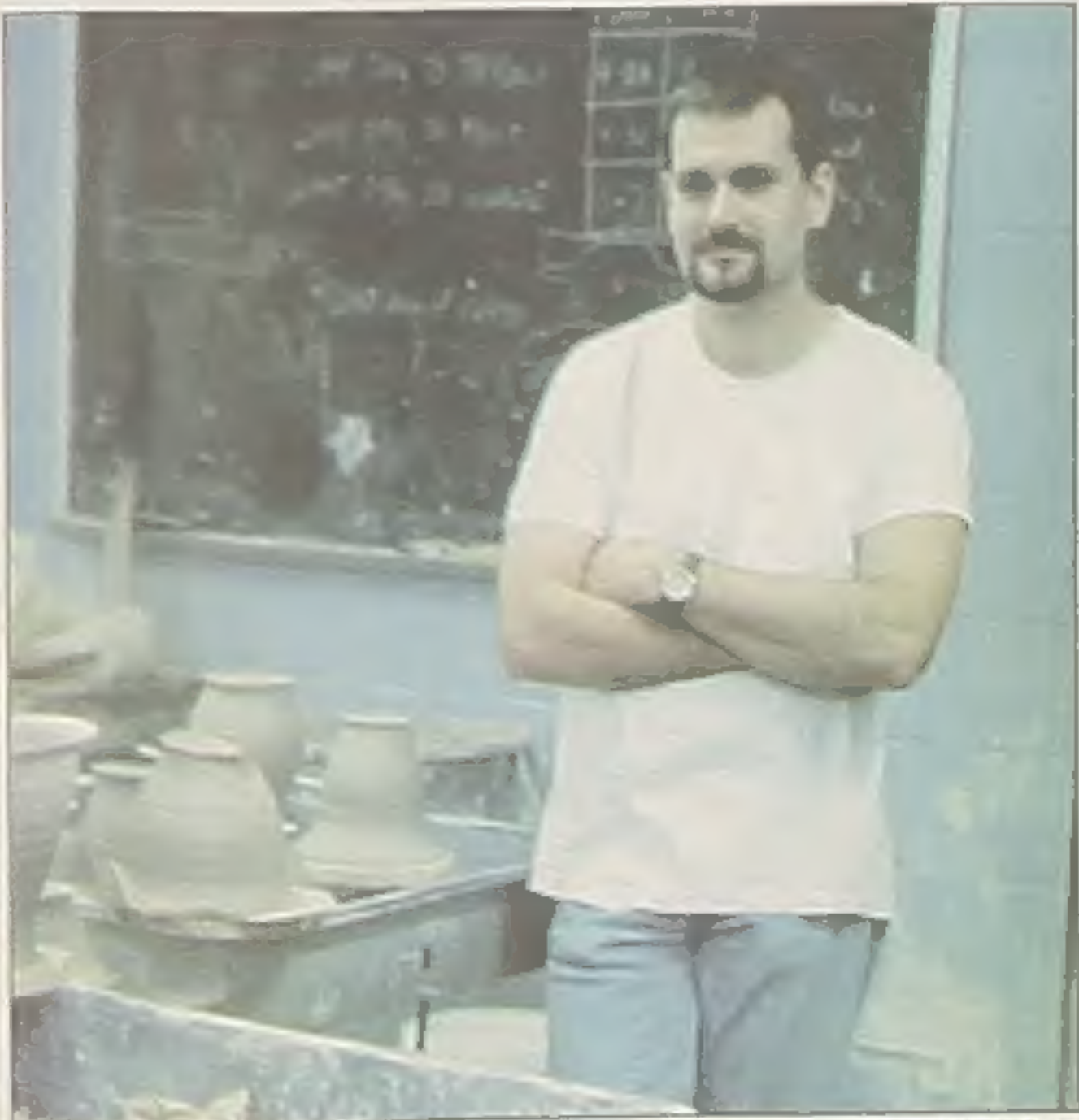
"If it works out [I'll go]," he said. "I'd be crazy not to."

Crim credits Missouri Southern for the chance. "It's a huge financial burden to travel, and Missouri Southern makes it easy because they have a good program," he said.

Crim hopes to teach art at the college level, and is currently preparing for that by student teaching at several schools in the Joplin area.

Schwiager also believes in Crim's ability to teach and handle students.

"He's the kind of educator I would like to have my children — although mine are far beyond that, age-wise, — but I would entrust my own close friends' [too]." □



Special to The Chair

Gary Crim, senior art education major, student teaches at area schools.



Wallace Clay
Culturally Speaking



Arlonda Clay
Culturally Speaking



Stephanie Ward
Koinonia Christian Campus Ministries



Nathan Herndon
Koinonia Christian Campus Ministries



Kena Sneathern
Education Executive Council



Grant Miller
Education Executive Council



Kris Graves
Sigma Phi



Cheryl McDaniel
Sigma Phi



Micky Rantz
Criminal Justice Student Association



Stacy Purves
Criminal Justice Student Association



Andre Smith
Student Alumni Association



Mandy Stark
Alpha Sigma Alpha



Mr. Lion
Honorary Candidate



Lady Lion
Honorary Candidate

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Magic of the Orient

Memories of trip still excite

By Dr. CAMERON PULLIAM
DIRECTOR OF CLINICAL AND FIELD EXPERIENCES

China! Hong Kong! It has been three years, but the images are vivid. There were very many people everywhere, very few cars, many bicycles, and few children. My son, Dale, a stock broker, earned an all-expenses-paid trip for two to Hong Kong. We purchased a side excursion to Macau, and China. We flew from Detroit to Tokyo to Hong Kong, literally right into Kowloon, a city within the then Hong Kong colony; the tips of the Boeing 747's wings weren't far from the apartments and business along the runway. Hotel accommodations and service were world-class. Each evening an investment company hosted the brokers and their guests at a festivity: beef medallions at Hong Kong's Royal Yacht Club; a 12-course, four-hour Chinese banquet at the

Kowloon Shangri La; a serenade by a Chinese orchestra, with a "dotting-of-the-eyes" ceremony.

Someone dotted the dragon's eyes (thereby creating pupils), and the huge parade dragon which had been lying lifeless on the floor came to life as the acrobatic dancers beneath it rose and moved to the beating of drums and clanging of gongs.

The Chinese are aware and considerate of their dragons. Dragons' concerns are always considered by the Chinese. There is a huge apartment building near Repulse Bay which has a huge hole right in the middle of it so that the dragon which lives on the

mountain behind the building has easy access to the sea. Buildings are built with feng shui in mind; everything must be situated according to the rules.

We chug-chugged on a sampan through the Aberdeen floating city of junks; shared a trip on an authentic junk across Hong Kong harbor and around the island to the Royal Yacht Club; jammed aboard the Kowloon/Hong Kong ferry; and we zoomed on a huge Boeing jet boat from Hong Kong to Macau and back.

We had guide trouble while we were there, because, somehow, we had picked unlucky dates for our visit. Our guide was ever vigilant lest something bad should happen to her or us, and she didn't want to talk about it, either.

We visited Repulse Bay, home to many giant statues and a beautiful, but unusable beach (sharks). Nearly everyone walked to a certain smaller statue and ran his or her hands down the sides of the statue. The Buddha-looking statue, shiny from all the touching, represented the god of wealth, and so, of course, I rubbed the sides of the statue a couple of times. Our family income increased 4 percent when I arrived home a week later. That's a circumstantial fact.

The impending return of control from Great Britain to China was the major topic while we were there. The transfer of power is now history. There was an article in the local news which

caught my eye. The incoming director of education was deeply concerned about the textbooks; pages would need to be scissored from public school history texts, he said, because China did not recognize the same history Hong Kong did.

I wonder what has happened in the classrooms throughout Hong Kong since the transfer July 1, 1997. I suspect the scissor-wielders have been very busy.

During our trip from what was then separate Hong Kong into China, we had to go through Macau, a Portuguese colony, transferring from the big jet boat to a bus. At the Chinese border, the bus was driven over a Juffy-Lube-like arrangement which permitted the Chinese military officers to examine the bus from the bottom to the top, inside and out, and from bumper to bumper to assure that we were not bringing contraband into China.

Again, as we entered an enterprise zone inside south China, we passed through another checkpoint, guards, guns, and inspections of our credentials. Inside the enterprise zone, which was surrounded by miles and miles of very high cement walls with razor-wire or spikes on top, there were multi-national corporations' huge manufacturing facilities. Apparently, within China, it is necessary to build big walls to keep the Chinese people out of their own enterprise zones.

We saw a fire-brigade-type line of folk building a wall around a village, passing blocks along the line one by one to the masons at the end of the line who cemented the blocks in place. We also saw highways which were the equivalent of I-44 which had been mixed in put-put cement mixers, the cement carried in the road-bed in baskets, and the highway hand-finished. The highways had outer bicycle roads paralleling the little-used highways, also. There are apparently lots of people available to do such manual labor in China.

Although we drove through miles and miles of agricultural land to get to the tourist spots the Chinese government wanted us to see, we saw no operating farm machinery. We did see several water buffalo at work or grazing in the tropical heat.

The children we did see were obviously cherished, which was evident from their dress and the manner of the adults near them. We were advised that a family which elects to have more than one child forfeits many major government benefits (such as jobs and housing), and the wife is "strongly encouraged" to have the fetus of a second child aborted. Should twins be born, both may be kept.

We were taken to a "typical" Chinese farming village, which had paddies and fields far too small for the population of the village. We discovered that within the village there was a large, multi-story manufacturing plant where little battery radios and similar items were assembled for sale elsewhere. This typical Chinese farming village also possessed a



home (behind yet another sturdy wall) with shined brass exterior kick plates on the doors, elegant appointments, and a Rolls Royce in the driveway. Perhaps the owner was an intimate acquaintance of the god of wealth in Repulse Bay.

We did discover that the fold who live near the South China Sea like everything fresh, and go to nearby markets at least twice daily. They like their fish so fresh that one can select a live one from a tub in the front of the restaurant, have it prepared in the open-air kitchen between the tub and the tables, and eat a fish feast just a few steps from the kitchen, with all the butchering and cooking happening in full view.

There are so many more impressions: Sun Yat-sen Middle School; Sun Yat-sen's home near Canton; the mix of beautiful retreats and resorts, and the bamboo-framed, plastic-tarp-covered-homes of the duck farmers; the wiry Chinese military police with their automatic weapons slung over their shoulders; the mother and child conducting business from a small market stall; all these pictures are beyond the capabilities of a camera.

There was the woman at the temple who was shaking a bamboo cup of 100 fortune sticks (about the size and shape of chopsticks), one of which would work its way to the top, fall out, and determine her future, her health, or her fortune. I'll never forget the "shake, shake, shake" sound of that woman's effort.

The view of Hong Kong from the top of Victoria Peak, after the cable-car ride up the mountain-side, is breathtaking on a day when the sun is shining and the sky is sprinkled with clouds which seem pasted there. And crossing the harbor on a

junk is like being in a carnival bumper car facility, except nobody hits, although everyone seems to be going different directions all at once.

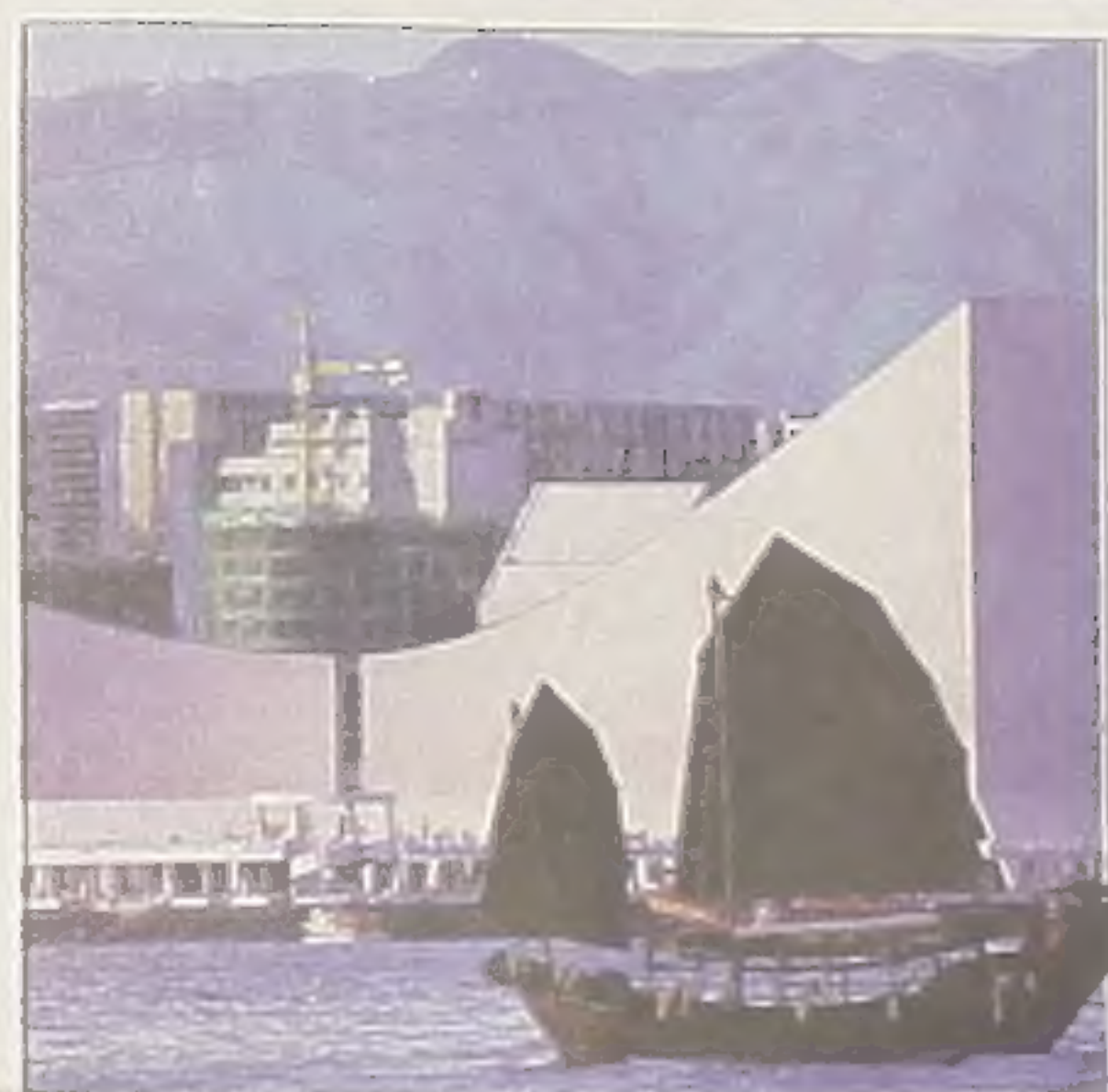
China. I want to go to China again with my family. (I want to rub that god of wealth again.) I want to see the friendly, hard-working people. I want to know what the transfer of power has done to the vitality and values of the folk who populate Hong Kong. I want to know if they really clipped the Taiwan chapter out of the history books.

Is it still true that if they had a fire drill in Hong Kong, one of the most densely populated cities in the world, they could not accommodate all the people who live in those towering high-rises on the ground around the high-rises? Does it still cost \$1,000 U.S. to apply for a driver's license? And, will I be prohibited from bringing anything with a western cultural taint into Hong Kong, which is now China, the next time I go?

Until then. □



Dr. Cam Pulliam poses at a monument in Hong Kong.



A Chinese Junk passes by the Hong Kong Cultural Centre in Kowloon. Kowloon is part of Hong Kong, but it's not on the island.



People flock to the various statues around Hong Kong and China, they are symbols of various fortunes.



The view of Hong Kong from Victoria Peak is one of the best offered on the island.

SPECIAL TO THE CHART

BROTHERS: Lius reunite for year

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The tourists were always glad to have each other along for the trip. They felt the same way about each other as Kezhen felt about having his brother Dr. Kexi Liu at Southern during his one-year stint as an instructor.

"It was good to have a family member, especially my brother, to come here," Kexi said.

Kezhen was Southern's first Fulbright Scholar-In-Residence, and Kexi is an assistant professor of music.

"I liked visiting my brother of course," Kezhen said. "I think visiting America was very important."

For an entire school year, the two worked and lived together in Joplin. Kezhen, who is four years Kexi's senior, had to pick up American traits and adapt to the American educational system.

"There was much to talk about," Kexi remembers. "The most impressive thing was watching him learn the language and adjust to the American life."

Kezhen admits there are many differences between the way students are taught in China and the U.S.

"It's different than in China," Kezhen said. "American students are more free in the classrooms."

“We never thought he'd make it here.”

Dr. Kexi Liu
Assistant
professor of music

He said students asked strange questions about his homeland, but he soon realized it was because the lack of media recognition for his homeland.

"Most Americans don't care," Kezhen said about news from China.

However, he said his visit to the U.S. was very useful for him.

Also useful was having his younger brother at his disposal. Kexi said the yearlong visit was like an extending his family.

"We're used to being separated and getting back together," Kexi said.

After it was all, Kexi recalls they never ran out of things to talk about. The trip was special for both.

"We never thought he would make it here," Kexi said. □

GREEN: Athletic director picks offensive coordinator because of previous duty

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accepted it."

For Southern's remaining four games, Green said not much would change on the field.

"What we are doing is right, technically," he said. "It is not good to do a 180-degree turn in mid-stream."

"Jon Lantz and I are great friends and a lot alike, but we will be different coaches because we have different personalities."

Green said the decision of Lantz to resign may be a little tough on some of the players, but they should be able to handle the change.

"Tuesday's practice was quiet and business-

like," he said. "But they are resilient and will do just fine."

Frazier agreed.

"This is a hurdle; you want things to run smoothly and without confrontation, and this will offer a tremendous challenge to our young men as they finish the season," he said. "I think they will play hard, and I think they will play great."

One of Green's first actions as interim head coach was to suspend Marc Salahuddin, junior defensive back. Lantz resigned Tuesday after "physically engaging" the junior defensive back during Saturday's game.

"It (the suspension) had nothing to do with Saturday night," Green said. "I think it was best for the football team."

Salahuddin was suspended indefinitely due to "off-campus and off-field concerns," Frazier said.

"We are in the process of an investigation, and if we find nothing there, then I don't think there is any question that he will be reinstated," Frazier said. "But that is the football coach's decision."

"The main thing I tried to emphasize to the players is that I am going to be firm, fair, and consistent," Green said. "We want to finish off the year on a positive note and to be good examples for Southern athletics because we are in the public eye even more now."

"These are trying times for all involved, and we want to get to a point where people feel good about Missouri Southern football," he said. □

FLOATS: Campus organizations prepare to make Homecoming spectacular

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reimbursements for construction costs. In the past, groups were eligible for reimbursements up to \$100, but that sum has been doubled for this year's competition. Carlisle says the added emphasis on float construction seems to be a success, based on initial float designs.

"From the designs that I've seen, the floats this year look a lot more elaborate and interesting," she said. "I think raising the prize money was definitely a good idea."

Another change in this year's parade is the location. Southern's parade, usually held on Main Street, will remain on campus in order to generate a higher student turnout. Some participants think this change will detract more than it will add to the parade.

"I'm wondering how the parade's going to turn out now," said Rachel Deyo, junior communications major. "They're hoping more students will get involved, but I think it's going to take away from the community." □

“In the past a lot of groups have used stuff from their displays on their floats, so I really don't think it will be that much of a difference.”

Val Carlisle

Coordinator of student activities

ECOLONOMICS: Famous alumni comes back to stump for environment

From Page 3A

jobs and give us a strong economic base but simply do not destroy the place that we live.

"There are a lot of new technologies and environmental products. We need to connect those products with business people that have the money, expertise, and know-how to get those products in the marketplace where the consumer can then come in and play his or her part, which again stimulates the economy. It's all cyclical in nature."

One of the example Weaver gave of environmental industries was Eco-wood, a product made out of 60 percent agricultural waste and 40 percent recycled plastic.

"Eco-wood is really better than wood you would get from cutting down trees," he said. "You can saw it, glue it, nail it, screw it, and do all of those things. It's insect-proof; termites cannot destroy it. It doesn't rot or warp, so economically it is very attractive to the consumer. It takes the waste we have created and makes a resource out of it and is still profitable."

Chattanooga State Technical Community College is one school currently offering a course in ecologics. The program is partly sponsored by the the Institute of Ecologics. The program's goal is to train city managers, community leaders, and city planners to be able to provide economically and environmentally sustainable communities.

Southern President Julio Leon was one of the many attending Weaver's presentation.

"He is here for his interest in economics and the environment," Leon said, "which is something that we are thinking about adding to our program." □

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Townsend credits success to high school coach

Lady Lions' coach brings experience

By DUSTIN LUNOW
CHART REPORTER

With more than seven years of NCAA Division I and II coaching experience, Amy Townsend has her own formula for success.

"There are many ways to be victorious," said Townsend, the Lady Lions' new head basketball coach. "If you can give them (the players) some confidence and get them on the same page, they will have success."

Townsend was born and raised in Girard, Kan. She attended Labette Community College for two years before transferring to Pittsburg State University, where she worked as a student assistant for Steve High, PSU women's basketball head coach.

Townsend received her bachelor's degree in physical education

Upon graduation, she was offered a graduate assistant's position at PSU, which enabled her to complete her master's degree in physical education.

Townsend then took an assistant's coaching position at Southeast Missouri State University, a NCAA Division I school in the Ohio Valley conference.

"I did everything like a normal assistant coach did," Townsend said. "It was great experience: it's what got me a job."

In 1994 Townsend returned to southeast Kansas, filling the volleyball head coaching and basketball assistant coaching positions at PSU.

"I walked back to Pitt State with a lot of experience coaching; not so much in volleyball, but I knew how to recruit, and I knew where to go," she said.

Townsend made her move to Missouri Southern in the spring of 1997 as the Lady Lions' new head basketball coach.

"I'm a basketball coach; that's what my expertise is in," Townsend said. "I like volleyball, but I was in the right place at the right time."

"I like the conference that I'm in; it's very competitive," she explained. "I've seen the tradition at Southern, and it's good; something there is going right. I have a lot of respect for some of the players here."

"I know the conference," she said. "I could tell you right now off the top of my head what they (the rest of the conference) do and don't do."

Another reason for her move to Southern was the people.

"Even though I was from the rival school, people were friendly," she said.

"I've had great experiences over here the past couple of years; people always treated me nice. It's just a good feeling."

During her interview at Southern, Townsend said she never felt that she was walking into a strange place.

"I felt I was at home," she said. "I spoke from the heart. I was myself, and I was fortunate enough to get hired."

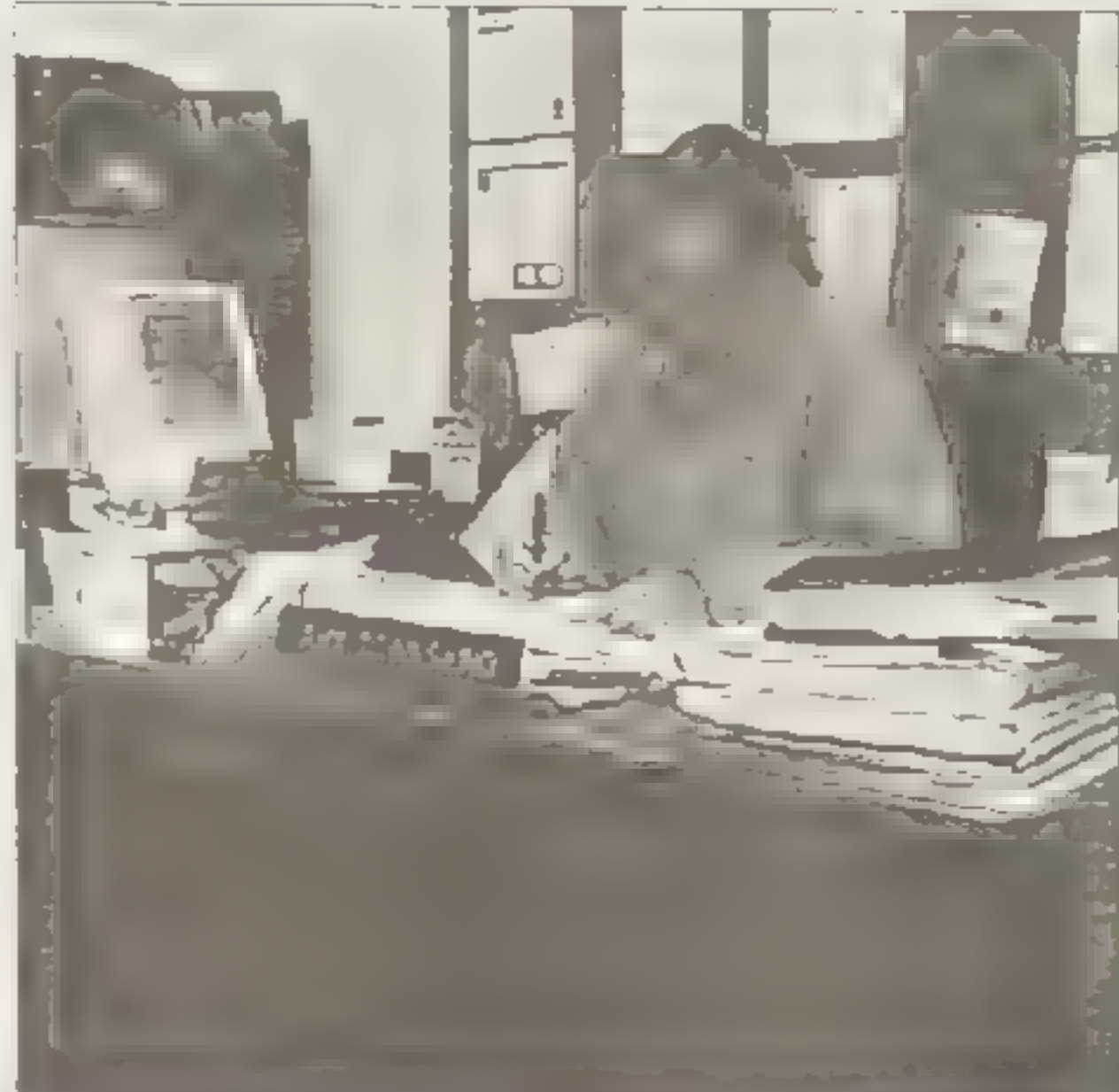
Townsend credits much of her coaching drive, determination, and success to Girard High School coach and PSU Hall of Famer Sunny Pierce.

"I had a great high school coach," she said. "She was a huge influence on me and a great mentor."

Townsend said when a new coach comes into a program, things can go either "horribly" or "really good."

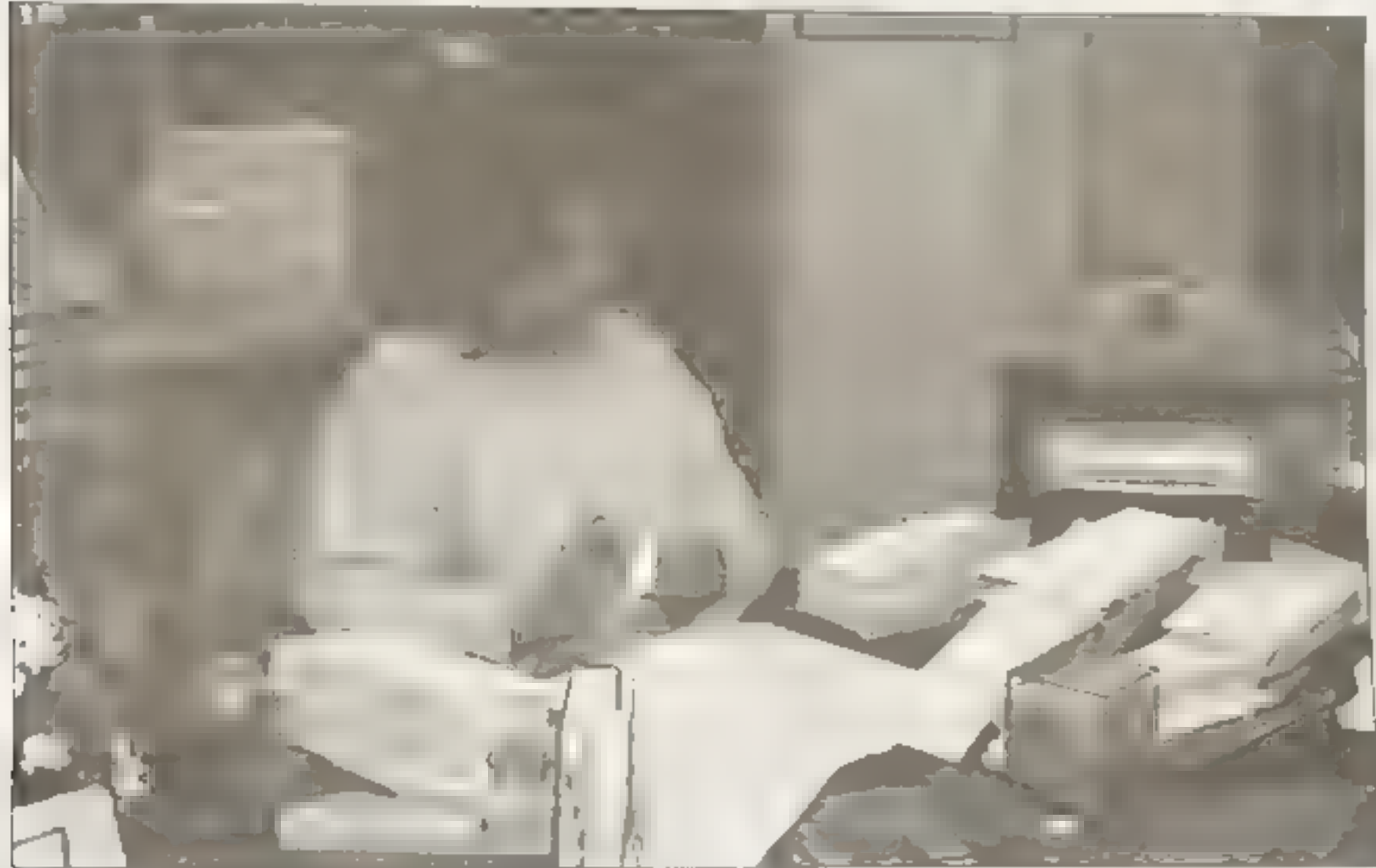
"Right now we're trying to form a kind of ownership kind of thing," she said. "I want them to feel like, 'When I (the players) graduate from here I can't wait to come back and watch this team play, because forever I will be a Missouri Southern Lady Lion basketball player.'"

"I hope the wins come with that. In basketball you have to win to be successful, but there are many ways to be victorious." □



Amy Townsend, Lady Lions' new head basketball coach, works in her office. Townsend comes to Southern with seven years of experience.

INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES



Martings are just part of job for Marta Kovacsosky, administrative assistant for the Institute of International Studies. She brings world travels, ballet, and a near-death accident to the College.

Travels highlight experiences

By BRIN CAVAN
CHART REPORTER

This Missouri Southern staff member danced ballet for 15 years, has traveled worldwide and "died" at 16.

Marta Kovacsosky, administrative assistant for the Institute of International Studies, was in an auto accident where she "died in the ambulance" and was "brought back to life."

Her injuries included a broken neck, back, ribs, and nose, and a foot that was mostly destroyed. Her lung was punctured and her liver torn. She broke her neck by hitting the driver's door head first.

"It hit so hard, you could see the imprint on my head on the outside of the door," Kovacsosky said.

Then the rehabilitation began.

"I wasn't supposed to live, much less walk again," she said. "I just was not going to take that as an answer. It was totally unacceptable to me."

Less than a year later, she was walking with a cane.

"I'm a pretty determined person," Kovacsosky said.

The accident shaped her belief that she must "live every day like it's your last." At 25, she finds her work an "exciting" position that offers contact with a diverse group.

"I love working with people, especially people from different lands and different cultures," she says.

Her background and travels were also preparation for the position she holds with Southern. Before reaching her teens, she traveled abroad with her mother, sister, and nuclear engineer father.

She lived in Samobor, Yugoslavia for two years, but "had to go to Austria or Italy for most grocery shopping." When they did shop in Yugoslavia, she has vivid memories of Saturday farmers' market outings. They would eat fried pork chops with tea and rum, and buy milk packaged in bags.

The family then moved to the Philippines for two years.

Kovacsosky walked the path of the Bataan Death March and saw the after-effects of the Philippine Easter parades when her father came home with blood on his clothes.

Kovacsosky said the people of the Philippines celebrate Easter by reenacting the suffering of Jesus Christ, carrying crosses and going through the streets beating and whipping themselves.

In addition to living in Yugoslavia and the

Philippines, she traveled in numerous other countries.

She visited Zurich, Switzerland, toured Victoria Peak in Hong Kong, and saw a nude beach in Barcelona, Spain.

On her many visits to Italy, her stops included riding a gondola in Venice, seeing the Sistine Chapel at the Vatican, and viewing the many works of art and architecture in Florence and Trieste.

In Pisa, her visit to the Leaning Tower made quite an impression.

"You try climbing a leaning building with nothing to hang onto but a cement wall on one side and absolutely nothing on the other side," Kovacsosky said.

Her mother is from Colombia, South America. Kovacsosky said she did not like Bogota when they visited there, but she loved Bucaramanga with its beautiful mountains and jungles.

During one visit state-side, she learned to wind surf in Hawaii.

"As young as I am, I have had a very colorful life," she says.

Her "colorful life" also includes dancing ballet. As a preschooler living in Vineland, N.J., she started taking lessons with an instructor who was a member of the New York City Ballet. When she was 11 years old, she auditioned and landed the role of a sugar plum fairy in the "Nutcracker Suite" at New York's Lincoln Center.

She also swims, body surfs, and rides a "Wave-Runner." At one time, she was a lifeguard. She says, "I swim better than I walk now."

Throughout her lifetime, her parents have always been her heroes. When she had her accident, her father would not let the doctors amputate her leg.

During the healing stages, she said, "If you are unhappy this way, then change it."

Kovacsosky describes both her parents as "probably my best friends."

Kovacsosky is not only a staff member, she is also a student at Southern. At this time, her main goal is to finish her degree in Spanish.

"Finish school, don't stop to take a break," she says. "If you don't have a college education, it is really, really hard to get a good, decent paying job and not live in poverty."

She offers one final suggestion to Southern students. After going to a party where she "shouldn't have been" and riding with the drunk driver who caused her auto accident, Kovacsosky's advice to students about drinking and driving is clear.

"It's not worth it!" □

ENROLLMENT SERVICES

Credentials include 'The Duke' trivia

By CALE RITTER
CHART REPORTER

Fans of John Wayne have a new friend on campus this semester.

Derek Skaggs, director of enrollment services, is an avid collector of facts and trivia of "The Duke."

This trait is added to his credentials and years of experience in the field of enrollment services.

He can prove his loyalty to John Wayne in a way others cannot. He has three children, and they're all named after characters from John Wayne movies.

Skaggs' only son is named after Col. Nathan Brittles, a John Wayne character in director John Ford's classic *She Wore A Yellow Ribbon*. Nathan is 4 years old.

His daughter, Melanie Bond, 5, received her name from a role portrayed by Lauren Bacall in *The Shootist*.

Bacall's name was Bond Rogers Katie. 19 months, was named after Katherine in *Rio Grande*. Katherine was played by Maureen O'Hara.

"My favorite John Wayne film of all time is *The Man Who Shot Liberty Valence*," Skaggs said, adding that next on the list is *The Searchers*.

He has a fascination for John Wayne films and characters because they not only have good acting and plot, but "admirable qualities as well." Many of the characters portray qualities of "determination, strength, leadership, and honesty."

When reading in his spare time, he likes non-fiction books about John



Derek Skaggs, director of enrollment services, is a John Wayne collector.

Alabama-Birmingham. He began his career in education in the continuing education department and later moved to an admissions position.

In choosing to come to Southern, he said "personally, it was an ideal location, and professionally, it was an interesting challenge."

"Here, I have a more active role in working with other departments on campus in such initiatives as retention, marketing, and promoting the College," he said.

Skaggs' idea of location is based on his parents, who live in northwest Arkansas. His wife, Tracy, is also near her parents, who live in southeast Missouri. With a full grin he said, "we just celebrated our 10th wedding anniversary."

Skaggs has printed a professional plan of immediate, short-, and long-range goals. One of his long-range goals is to develop a recruitment plan to attract more international students to the College.

An accomplishment of his includes being selected as one of the "Outstanding Young Men of America" in 1987.

"Another exciting accomplishment for me is being a father," he said.

Wearing a golfer's tie, Skaggs said he tries to play golf as much as possible. Although his time has become more limited since he has had children, he still does his best to make it on the course three or four times per month.

Like many, Skaggs believes in the Golden Rule as a philosophy. What distinguishes him is that he encourages his staff to do the same. □

KINESIOLOGY

Work, home take delicate balance

By JULIANA SMITH
CHART REPORTER

After the sudden death of her father during her freshman year in college, Donna O'Keefe dedicated her life to the well-being of others.

O'Keefe, the new wellness director in the kinesiology department at Missouri Southern, believes all individuals deserve a chance at the long, healthy life her father was denied. She points to her father's death as one of the strong incentives she felt to study health and fitness.

"I can remember thinking, 'It shouldn't be like this,'" O'Keefe said. "There ought to be something that people can do to prevent this from happening."

O'Keefe went on to receive her master's in health education and exercise physiology from the University of Kansas. While working on her degree, she taught drug education and personal community health.

"From what we know of humans and their health, most diseases are self-induced by lifestyle and are preventable," O'Keefe said. "Perhaps we can teach people that by changing some of their habits, they can lead longer, healthier lives."

Before arriving this year at Southern,

O'Keefe worked for 11 years at St. John's Regional Medical Center as director of corporate health. She thoroughly enjoyed her job, but claims that the demands were such that it was difficult for her to maintain a good balance between her family and her career.

"One of the definite highlights of this job is that I am able to pick my children up from school," O'Keefe said. "Teaching allows me to do something that professionally I enjoy, but it also allows for more time with my family."

O'Keefe is married and has four children ranging from 4 to 8. She wants to be able to spend as much time with them as possible.

"Right now the kids are beginning soccer, and this is a really fun time for us," O'Keefe said. "I enjoy being able to watch their games and help them in the backyard with their techniques."

Although she has been busy trying to establish a balance between home and work, O'Keefe encourages students with health-related questions or problems to stop by her office, Room 103A of Young Gymnasium.

"My door is always open and I am in my office a lot," she said. "I encourage any students who have questions or problems to see me, and let us problem solve together."

O'Keefe is currently teaching classes



Donna O'Keefe is the new wellness director in the kinesiology department.

in nutrition and lifetime wellness, as well as guiding a few students through independent study.

"So far, I like everything about my job," she said. "The faculty and staff have been very supportive, and I enjoy teaching such valuable wellness lessons to students who really want to learn. I find this to be so very rewarding." □

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Wine Feast features food, wine sampling

The eighth annual Wine Feast is planned for Sunday at the Joplin Holiday Inn, Range Line and I-44. The event is sponsored by May's Drug Warehouse and KOZI-TV.

A spotlight on reserve wines begins promptly at 12:30 p.m., and includes a special presentation of sit-down tasting and sampling. Host and hostesses personally will serve and tell guests about their select wines and foods. A ticket to the spotlight also includes a commemorative wineglass and entrance to Wine Feast '97, which begins at 2 p.m.

The Wine Feast '97 is held from 2 to 5 p.m. and offers the opportunity to sip and sample more than 60 wines from 40 internationally known wineries. Twenty-five of the area's restaurants and caterers will be on hand offering samples.

Tickets for the spotlight are \$50. Wine Feast '97 tickets are \$25.

For more information, people may call KOZI at 417-782-2226.

Freeman Health System offers Breast Care Expo

The Women's Lifecare Pavilion at Freeman Health System invites the public to the Breast Care Expo. The Expo is being held from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, began on Oct. 14 and runs through Friday. The Expo is located at the Women's Lifecare Pavilion at the Freeman East Specialty Hospital, 932 E. 34th St. in Joplin.

The Breast Care Expo will feature a number of interactive displays on the following issues: breast cancer risk factors, early detection of breast cancer, diagnostic procedures, exercise and wellness programs, treatment and therapy options, survival skills for patients and family members, nutrition and alternative therapies, and optimal living opportunities.

The Expo is part of the Pavilion's celebration of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, designated as the month of October. October also marks the first anniversary of the Women's Lifecare Pavilion at Freeman. The Expo is partially funded by The Freeman Foundation and the Carol Morton Memorial Regatta.

For more information, persons may contact the Pavilion at 417-659-1111.

Audubon Society sells seeds as fund-raiser

Birdseed on sale by the Ozark Gateway Audubon Society may be picked up from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at Ozark Nursery on North Main Street.

Area residents still may order seed from the club. The sale is the group's primary fund-raiser, with proceeds going to environmental education programs in area school districts.

A wild bird mixture striped sunflower, black oil sunflower, and Niger thistle seed are being sold. A limited amount of extra seed will be available for purchase Saturday at the nursery, and delivery will be available for the elderly and disabled.

For more details, please call 417-451-4542, 417-623-9178, or 417-623-2673.

Assistant superintendent announced at Webb City

Renee Goosetree, director of special services for the Webb City R-7 School District, has been named an assistant superintendent.

Goosetree will be in charge of curriculum and instruction in her new role.

She is assuming part of the duties held by Ron Lankford. Lankford was named superintendent-elect.

Ron Barton, superintendent, announced his retirement effective June 30, 1998.

GHOST STORIES

Neosho couple finds their house haunted

Former chief of police and state representative lives with ghost lady

By JEFF BILLINGTON
STAFF WRITER

Thumping footsteps and a mysterious woman in blue were the surprise additions George and Joyce Kelly got when they purchased their home in 1974.

It appeared that the 1855 Job Ratliff house was home to more than just mice and spiders.

Kelly, former Neosho chief of police and Missouri state representative, said the first time he saw the ghostly blue lady she was standing on the back porch as he was working in the yard.

"I looked up and there was a lady in a long dress standing there watching me," he said. "I came up and yelled 'Hello,' then I came in through the house and nobody was there."

Kelly said even his wife was skeptical of

his sightings of this woman at first.

"My wife didn't believe me until this old lady came by and said, 'You guys ever see the girl that comes and goes out here?'" Joyce said. "Oh yeah. George says he saw somebody, but you know George." The old lady said, "Was she still wearing the little blue dress and the white apron?" and Joyce just went "Ohhhh."

Kelly said as they were fixing up the yard they found part of a headstone that belonged to a grave in the yard.

The name etched on the stone was "Lucinda," so Kelly affectionately named his lady in blue "Lucinda" since she matched the age and time period of the specter.

Even the local populous know the strange occurrences at the Kelly home.

"I've heard she comes up there and sits in their kitchen and stands on the porch," said Jean Williams. "Ever since I've lived here for the last 22 years I've heard she was there."

Kelly explained that the sightings of Lucinda aren't new; they go back several decades.

"These old women up in their 90s and 80s saw her when they were kids out here playing," he said, "and she just stood on the porch and watched them."

Kelly said on occasion Lucinda has been violent in making a point, from throwing a picture off the wall to strewing art supplies across the floor.

He said once when he was having an undercover meeting with members of the Neosho Police Department Lucinda made herself known.

"They heard clomp, clomp, clomp, and they asked who was walking around," Kelly said. "I said, 'You don't want to know.'"

Kelly said some of Lucinda's most recent manifestations have been a boy using the phone last summer and two women taking children trick-or-treating three years ago.

"Ghosts don't bother me, there is such a thing," Kelly said. "But I'll tell you one thing, if there is I'm going to be one when I come back in case somebody comes around tearing down the house or something." □



JEFF BILLINGTON/The Chart
The headstone, with the name Lucinda, was found by George and Joyce Kelly in their Neosho backyard.

MEDICAL SERVICES



J.L. GRIFFIN/The Chart

The Community Health Clinic is held every Thursday at the First Presbyterian Church. It provides eligible people with health care.

Clinic provides free services

By AILEEN GRONEWOLD
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Bringing people together is what the Community Health Clinic is all about. Once a week, people with medical needs meet people who are gifted with the skills and the desire to meet those needs.

The clinic, located at 502 Pearl, opened three years ago and has helped more than 7,000 people. Using a building owned by First Presbyterian Church, volunteers staff the operation from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. every Thursday.

"We've been opening at around 3:30 or 4, but people start lining up at 2," said Jim Vermillion, who has been volunteering since the clinic opened. "They know we can only take about 50 patients, and they want to be sure they get in."

Every new patient meets first with a social worker who determines eligibility for the clinic's services.

According to Vermillion, to be eligible, one must be "medically destitute."

"These are people who don't qualify for the city health clinic, have no insurance, and have nowhere else to go," he said. "But we rarely turn anyone away. Everyone who comes here will be treated with compassion, grace, and dignity."

In addition to Joplin residents, Vermillion said people come from a 50- to 60-mile radius for the services.

A volunteer staff of nurses and doctors sees the patients, dispenses or prescribes appropriate medications, and schedules referral appointments for those who need more extensive care.

Participating pharmacists fill prescriptions at cost for patients who can afford them, and the clinic picks up the tab for those who cannot.

In addition, doctors at Freeman Hospitals and Health System and St. John's Regional Medical Center donate their services for surgery or other extensive care. Funding for the operation comes from four primary benefactors: Mercy Regional Health Foundation, First Presbyterian Church, Freeman Foundation, and Freeman Johnson Trust. Donations by individuals also help defray costs.

Wanda Adams, clinic director, and two part-time office workers are the only paid staff at the clinic. Candice Russell, a senior nursing major at Missouri Southern, is one of the part-time staff members.

"I was hired this summer, but I've been volunteering since shortly after the clinic opened," she said.

Russell works with the doctors seeing patients and writing orders during clinic hours, in addition to handling a variety of paperwork tasks during the week.

She believes her clinic experience has been a positive addition to her academic training. It has also helped her identify the type of work she wants to do after she graduates.

"I like working with that part of the public that really needs help," she said.

In addition to the doctors and nurses who are the backbone of the operation, a diverse network of volunteers rounds out the work force.

Members of First Presbyterian Church make soup for all the patients, and clients from the Scott Greening Dependency Center serve.

"This gives our kids a chance to give back to the community, focus on other people instead of themselves," said Matt Waggoner, community support worker for the Greening Center.

Various churches take turns providing food for the clinic workers, and many individuals fill support roles. □

AREA ATHLETICS

Webb City High School football team dominates state

Program leads state since 1989 season

By BRIAN PALMER
STAFF WRITER

In 1989, Webb City High School football dominated the state by finishing an undefeated season with the 4A state championship over St. Louis Sumner.

Since then, the program has seen the state game three other times, winning twice and becoming a true football powerhouse. The dynasty has continued under three different head coaches, making many wonder if there's something in the water that breeds football.

"It has something to do with tradition, maybe," said senior quarterback Josh Chapman. "The peewee program is doing as well as the high school program, and you kind of just build on it."

"Everyone wants to play," said senior running back Adam Schooley. "We work all year."

First-year head coach John Roderique, a Webb City graduate himself, said the team's strongest point is its balance.

"You look at us on one side of the ball and then look at us on the other side, and we're balanced," he said.

And he's not kidding. The defense has held opponents to an average of less than three yards per rush, and Chapman himself

has rushed for 15 touchdowns and thrown for eight already this season.

"A lot of teams are a lot more talented than us, but we just work hard," Schooley said.

"Everyone gives 100 percent on every play," Chapman said. "We prove it on Friday nights."

Schooley also attributes Webb City's success to good coaching. Roderique was an assistant coach at Pittsburg State University, as were his predecessors at Webb City, Kurt Thompson and Jerry Kill.

Roderique believes some of PSU's winning tradition may have filtered into the program through the coaches.

"There's no doubt about that," he said. "Now I come over and I am going to be different than Kurt Thompson was, and Kurt Thompson was a little different than Jerry Kill was, and I think there's subtle differences probably in each and every one."

Those differences have not affected the tradition that has become Webb City's own, and that tradition does put some pressure on the coaches.

"I knew [about the pressure] when I took the job," Roderique said. "But that's not any more pressure than I put on myself each and every day."

"Our players put an extreme amount of pressure on themselves. They go out there and they expect



TIM WILSON/The Chart

At a football practice earlier this week, the Webb City High School football team play against each other. The team finished an undefeated season in 1989 with the 4A state championship over St. Louis Sumner. Harrisonville also sports a 7-0 record.

"Right now we're taking our district games one at a time," Roderique said. "Harrisonville is going to be a very, very good football team."

That may be due to the vengeance factor, as Harrisonville

lost a close game to Webb City last year.

"They're going to come down here very highly motivated," Roderique said.

"It looks to be a tough game," Chapman said. "From here on out they all should be pretty tough games." □

FOOTBALL

Players react to Lantz' resignation from team

Three Lions give their perspectives on former coach

By GINNY DUMOND
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Shocked is the word of the hour for members of the Missouri Southern football squad.

A whirlwind of commotion after Tuesday's resignation of head football coach Jon Lantz has left the Lions struggling to resettle into the season with four games remaining.

"It was just shocking. That's the big word — shocking," said senior running back Wallace Clay. "It was a shock to the team and to the players. He's a good man."

Lantz' resignation came after he "physically engaged" a player during Saturday's home game against Emporia State.

"He wasn't a bad coach; he just crossed the line pushing a player," Clay said.

Junior quarterback Brad Cornelsen said he was close to Lantz and admired him.

"He's a good man and a role model. He's someone we looked to for guidance," he said.

"Even though he's not going to be there anymore, he will still be there through the things he's

taught us and instilled in us."

After starting as a walk-on, senior defensive back Justin Taylor has been closely associated with Lantz and says Lantz is responsible for his involvement with the team.

"I feel bad for his situation, and right now I just don't know what I feel because it's such a shock," Taylor said. "He just showed he's human like all of us."

After Saturday's incident, Lantz held a meeting with the players.

"I thought that was it, but we were shocked," Cornelsen said. "Our other coaches have done a great job, and we've had a lot of other leaders keep us focused."

"It was a big shock because he apologized to us Sunday," Taylor said.

"They (football coaches) have an emotional job; football is an emotional sport. Coach Lantz has a lot of intensity and a lot of heart."

Lantz informed his squad of his resignation at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday.

"We didn't have any forewarning; we thought that ordeal was over and done," Taylor said.

As for whether Lantz' resignation was called for, no one could comment for certain.

"I don't really know the whole situation, and there's a lot more to it than what I know and can say," Cornelsen said. "As far as what is right or wrong, that's not for us to say."

Clay saw the situation from another standpoint.

"I think as far as putting the program in danger of being sued, I think it was necessary," he said. "And for him to put this behind him and get away from all the things that have been happening this year with players getting suspended, it was good."

"I wouldn't be for it during the season, but he had resigned after the season it wouldn't have been so bad. We (seniors) would have liked to have finished the season with him."

Offensive coordinator Rob Green will replace Lantz on an interim basis.

"I feel like we've been pretty focused," Cornelsen said. "I think with Coach Green stepping in we can finish the season strong."

"This happening maybe dropped our spirits, but we are going to bounce back. I think we'll finish strong."

"We'll never forget what happened, but we will adapt and find a way to pull through successfully," Taylor said. "I know that's what Coach would want us to do."

Clay has faith in the team as a whole.

"On our team we're a family," he said. "We are going to rally together, and we have got real good coaches who can take us 4-0 for the rest of the season." □



TERESA BLAND/The Chariot

Lion football head coach Jon Lantz announces his resignation at a Tuesday afternoon press conference.

John Lantz's

Lion football career chart

1989: Lions hire Lantz

■ After leading his Southeastern Oklahoma State team to the NIAA playoffs, Jon Lantz took over as head football coach at Missouri Southern in the fall of 1988.

1991: The PSU brawl

■ Lantz was suspended for one game by former MIAA commissioner Ken Jones after a fight between the Southern and Pittsburg State football teams at Fred G. Hughes Stadium.

1993: MIAA Champs

■ Lantz and the Lions posted their only victory in the 12-year history of the Miner's Bowl with a 20-3 victory on Sept. 18, 1993 at Fred G. Hughes Stadium. It is one of only two losses for PSU in MIAA action. The Lions went to clinch their only MIAA crown.

1997: Lantz resigns

■ Lantz resigned from his position after an altercation with one of his players during a game. Lantz said his teams' off-field problems played a part

VOLLEYBALL

Lady Lions 'growing' through difficulties, keeping intensity

By ANDRE SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Debbie Traywick and the Lady Lions are not having the season they wanted to.

But Traywick also said she is as proud of her 6-14 Lady Lions as she has been of any team.

"Most teams would have given up by now," Traywick said. "These girls are staying together and that is most important."

After two losses last weekend, the Lady Lions now stand 3-8 in the MIAA.

"Being a young team, we have some growing pains," Traywick said. "This will help us improve in the future."

The Lady Lions took a two-day road trip to Emporia and Topeka, Kan., last weekend to challenge the second- and fourth-place teams in the MIAA. On Friday they were swept by Emporia State 15-4, 15-7, and 16-14. The loss was their second to the Lady Hornets this season.

"We didn't come out and play until the third game," Traywick said. "We played very well in the third game. We are not getting enough offense."

Stephanie Gockley paced the Lady Lions with 24 kills, and Amber Collins had 53 assists. Kristen Harris added three blocks and 12 digs.

Sara Winkler, senior outside hitter, said the loss was somewhat frustrating, especially after she and her teammates were patronized by some of the Emporia fans.

"It gets a little frustrating when you go on a rally and get so close to winning but fall short," she said. "It was hard to concentrate with Emporia's fans acting as rowdy as they were."

On Saturday, the Lady Lions met Washburn University, a team that swept them in a previous match. Southern won the first game 15-13, but fell 15-8, 15-8, and 15-9 in the final three matches.

The odds are usually with the Lady Lions when they win the first game. The Lady Lions are 5-4 when they win the first game in a match.

"Sometimes winning the first game is important and sometimes it isn't," Gockley said. "There have been times when we have come back from being down two games. When we win the first game, the momentum is with us."

"Our first game we played well," Traywick added. "Our two seniors played well and had a ton of kills. We just struggled in our next two games."

Collins had 22 assists and Gockley had nine kills. Harris had six blocks and eight digs for the Lady Lions.

For the season, Gockley leads the team in kills with 294. She also has 265 digs. Winkler leads the team in digs with 282, and Harris leads in blocks with 47.

The Lady Lions have awaited the return of sophomore outside hitter Meredith Hyde for eight matches, and Traywick said she will see action tonight.

"I am so ready to come back," Hyde said. "I want to get these girls pumped and start winning some games."

The Lady Lions meet Truman State University at 7

36 It gets a little frustrating when you go on a rally and get so close to winning but fall short

Sara Winkler
Lady Lion outside hitter

99 p.m. today in Young Gymnasium. "We always have fun when we play them," Traywick said. "They have three quality seniors, and they are extremely tough." "I think we play with more intensity than they do," Gockley said. "We know we can play with them and it will be a great match." □

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Football

MIAA Standings

Through September 24 (Conf. overall)

1. Northwest Missouri 5-0,7-0
2. Pittsburg State 5-0,6-0
3. Truman State 5-0,5-1
4. Central Missouri 3-2,4-3
5. Emporia State 2-3,4-3
6. Missouri Southern 2-3,3-3
7. Washburn State 2-3,3-4
8. Missouri Western 1-4,3-4
9. Missouri-Rolla 0-5,1-6
10. Southwest Baptist 0-5,0-6

Football Statistics

vs. Emporia State University

Passing
1. Cornelsen, Brad, 25-12-0 210
2. Campbell, Bobby, 1-0-0 0

Rushing
1. Colenburg, Tony, 11-57
2. Clay, Wallace, 12-54
3. Cornelsen, Brad, 17-45
4. Taylor, Justin, 7-21
Totals: 63-107

Receiving
1. Sims, Tyson, 48 yds
2. Hocker, Brad, 43 yds
3. Matthews, C., 69 yds
4. Clay, Wallace, 25 yds
5. Colenburg, Tony, 10 yds
6. Woodridge, T., 9 yds
Total: 210 yds

Lions Week 6

vs. Emporia State University
Lions 40
Hornets 39

Scoring:

1st
Hornets—Shay 1 yard run (Stewart kick), 7:27
Lions—Cornelsen 10 yard run (Lantz kick), 5:47
end of 1st—7-7

2nd
Lions—Sims 27 yard pass from Cornelsen (Clay pass interference), 11:27
Lions—Lantz 43 yard field goal, 7:19
Lions—Clay 15 yard run (Lantz kick), 5:27
Hornets—Fletcher 1 yard run (Shay kick), 1:43
Lions—Sims 11 yard pass from Cornelsen (Lantz kick), 1:13
end of 2nd—13-30

3rd
Hornets—Shay 1 yard run (Stewart kick), 11:27
end of 3rd—19-30

4th
Lions—Lantz 27 yard field goal
Hornets—Shay 15 yard run (Stewart kick), 10:45
Hornets—Shay 3 yard run (Stewart kick), 2:29
end of 4th—22-33

OT
Lions—Cornelsen 5 yard run (Lantz kick), 0:00
Hornets—Clay 1 yard run (Shay kick), 0:00

Soccer

MIAA Standings

Through October 21 (conf. overall)

1. Missouri-Rolla 3-1,8-6
2. Missouri Southern 2-0,8-6
3. Truman State 1-1,10-5
4. Southwest Baptist 0-2,3-13
5. Lincoln 0-2,1-9

Soccer Statistics

Through October 21

Shots/TP

1. Ruper, Ryan, 37, 18.
2. Suarez, Jose, 16, 8.
3. Eaton, Todd, 18, 7.
4. Delmez, Shane, 13, 6.
5. Bahr, Adam, 7, 6.
6. Buerge, Justin, 11, 5.
7. Turpen, Mark, 6, 5.
8. Sili, Scott, 5, 4.
9. Yarnell, Josh, 7, 4.
10. Jamaledine, Jeff, 3, 4.
11. Cirillo, Kiley, 7, 3.
12. Chandler, Josh, 1, 3.

Soccer Statistics

Through October 21

Team Statistics

	MSSC	OPP
Total Goals	35	17
Average per Match	2.3	1.1
MIAA Goals	11	3
Average per Match	2.6	0.8
Corner Kicks	59	74
Fouls	237	175
Offsides	28	47
Yellow Cards	14	12
Red Cards	1	0

Score by Period

	1	2	OT	OT	TOT
MSSC	17	8	0	0	35
OPP	8	9	0	0	17

Volleyball

MIAA Standings

(Conf. overall)

1. Central Missouri 8-0,18-5
2. Emporia State 6-2,11-11
3. Missouri Western 8-4,18-6
4. Washburn State 6-3,14-10
5. Truman State 5-4,17-11
6. Pittsburg State 4-6,7-14
7. Northwest Missouri 3-8,14-12
8. Missouri Southern 3-8,6-14
9. Southwest Baptist 1-8,6-16

Volleyball Statistics

Through October 21

Pass ATT RE PCT

1. Hyde, Meredith 175 10 .943
2. Winkler, Sara 158 15 .905
3. Harris, Kristen 85 14 .835
4. Gockley, Stephanie 92 20 .783
5. McDermid, Kim 14 4 .714
6. Olsen, Heather 70 23 .671
7. Fielding, Erin 23 11 .522
8. Parks, Karla 4 2 .500

Volleyball Statistics

Through October 21

Defense DIG DG/GM

1. Winkler, Sara 282 3.811
2. Gockley, Stephanie 265 3.533
3. Hyde, Meredith, 146 3.244
4. Fielding, Erin 133 3.023
5. Harris, Kristen 224 2.987
6. Olsen, Heather 128 1.563
7. Parks, Karla 79 1.113

Volleyball Statistics

Through October 21

Blocks BS BA

1. Harris, Kristen 20 47
2. Gockley, Stephanie 15 36
3. Parks, Karla 8 36
4. Hyde, Meredith 7 12
5. Winkler, Sara 6 16
6. Olsen, Heather 6 6
7. Pope, Lorin 2 0
8. Collins, Amber 1 12

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Saturday

■ MIAA Cross Country Championships

■ Soccer Lions at Colorado Christian University, 4 p.m.

Sunday

■ Soccer Lions at West Texas A&M, 1 p.m.

Friday

■ Volleyball Lions vs. Central Missouri State, 7 p.m.

Saturday

■ Volleyball Lions at Drury College Tournament, TBA

■ Soccer Lions at Rockhurst College, 2 p.m.

■ Football Lions vs. Missouri-Rolla, 2:30 p.m. Homecoming

Wednesday

■ Volleyball Lions vs. Pittsburg State, 7 p.m.

Sports SCOPE

Placing blame makes for a fun new game

Enough is enough. Sometimes you just have to walk away. Head football coach Jon Lantz decided he'd had enough Tuesday by handing in his resignation to Jim Frazier, men's athletic director.

After an altercation with defensive back Marc Salahuddin during Saturday's overtime win over Emporia State, Lantz decided it was time to step down from the helm.

"I wouldn't have done that 10, 12, 15 years ago," he said.

"After you do it for a while the stress kind of gets to you."

So, who's to blame for this? Some would blame Lantz, a coach and instructor should never physically attack a player or student. Others may blame the College administration; did they push for Lantz to resign due to chronic off-the-field problems?

Whom do I blame?

How kind of you to ask. I blame those few players who seemingly every season found a way to draw attention from the gridiron to the pokie.

I don't want to excuse Lantz for his actions; he was wrong. However, it was not just this incident that told him it was time to step away from the sidelines.

Lantz said he apologized to Salahuddin, the Lion team, and to his coaching staff on Sunday.

"The young man accepted my apology," he said. "I think my team did. I think my staff did. Maybe I didn't."

Lantz' actions on the field toward Salahuddin appear to be a culmination of frustrations from the pressure of unnecessary problems.

Incidents off the field have plagued the Lion program and haunted Lantz for several years. He was suspended for one game in 1991 by the MIAA for his team's brawl against Pittsburg State University. Three years ago several players were suspended after a weekend fight. Last year weapons were brought onto the campus by players, and last semester we saw racial tensions heat up between some soccer and football players. A few weeks ago a 16-year-old was assaulted by one of Southern's football players. These are examples of how a handful of players have tainted the image of Southern's program. In a way, some blame does lie on Lantz' shoulders. He recruited these players. It is his responsibility to monitor and mentor the team. He did buckle under the stress.

The blame ends there. The members of the Lion football program are all adults — old enough to think for themselves, old enough to be responsible for their decisions and the consequences of them. Living in the spotlight is a piece of baggage that comes with being a part of collegiate athletics. Athletes know their actions are not only closely monitored, but highly scrutinized.

Carelessness and stupidity are more to blame than the coach. This is not just about one incident; Saturday's altercation was simply the proverbial straw breaking the camel's back.

Too many instances of carelessness and thoughtless actions led to a man losing his composure.

My mother always told me that sometimes you have to learn how to walk away from a bad situation.

This was a bad situation getting worse. I don't blame Lantz; the time for him to walk away had arrived. □

FOOTBALL

Lions narrowly avoid getting stung



TERESA BLAND/The Chart

Tony Colenburg (22) blocks for Justin Taylor as he makes his way into the end zone for an apparent touchdown, however, he was called back on a penalty.

By NICK PARKER
MANAGING EDITOR

Clinging to a one-point lead over Emporia State in overtime, the Missouri Southern football Lions stopped the Hornets' Brian Shay just inches from the end zone on a potential game-winning two-point conversion, sealing a 40-39 victory Saturday at Fred G. Hughes Stadium.

The Lions (3-3 overall, 2-3 in the MIAA) held a 33-19 lead early in the fourth quarter. Shay, an All-American running back, brought the Hornets (3-3, 1-3) back with two touchdowns to tie the game 33-33 and force overtime.

Southern opened the overtime scoring when junior quarterback Brad Cornelsen capped a three-play drive with a 5-yard touchdown run that gave the Lions a 40-33 edge. Emporia quickly answered when Shay rambled into the end zone for a 1-yard scoring run.

Southern senior linebacker Marque Owens stopped Shay's attempt on the two-point conversion.

Emporia entered the game with the top-rated offense in the nation. Southern head coach Jon Lantz said he was pleased with the defensive performance his team put forth against the Hornets' high-powered offense.

"I really started to see our defense begin to step up last week," he said. "Last week, after the game was already lost, I really thought I saw our guys stepping it up. Our entire defensive front played extremely well, playing against an All-American running back."

"Allowing 33 points (in regulation) and 400-some yards, I think we did a good job on defense. I'm really proud of our defense's effectiveness."

Cornelsen's 210 yards passing gave him 3,720 career yards, moving him into second place on Southern's career passing ladder.

Senior defensive back Travis Cagle returned to the starting line-up after missing two games due to a concussion he suffered in the Pittsburg State game. Cagle finished the game with eight tackles and recorded the Lions' first interception of the season.

"We were pretty pumped up for the game," Cagle said. "We needed the win to start turning the season around."

Emporia's Shay racked up 187 yards rushing against the Lions — more than 100 in the fourth quarter — averaging 5.2 yards per carry.

Southern, who played at Washburn University Thursday night, returns home at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, to battle Missouri-Rolla in its Homecoming affair. □

WHAT'S THE CALL?



TIM WILSON/The Chart

During the Oct. 16 fall ball game, Missouri Southern second baseman Shawn Mayes waits to tag out a Labette County baserunner.

SOCCER FEATURE

Prowling for points

Rupar sets the pace for Southern offense

By GINNY DUMOND
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

There is only one main goal in sophomore forward Ryan Rupar's life, and it's at the end of a soccer field.

Rupar, the Lions' leading scorer with eight goals and two assists, played in Joplin High School under Southern coach Jim Cook. He said that, among other things, played a role in his choosing to play for the Lions.

"For one thing, I wanted to play soccer, and I knew I could come to Southern and have a good chance of playing," he said. "Also, because of Coach Cook knowing me from high school and my abilities."

Cook said Rupar is a hard worker who practices and plays his part in making the team work.

"Our concept is team-oriented. We like to think that it takes a team to achieve," Cook said.

Rupar agrees that the team concept is vital to the sport and must be a central focus of players.

"It's real hard to do my job unless we're all playing together. I couldn't just do it by myself," he said.

Though Rupar is the team's scoring leader, he says this year's team is an all-around quality one.

"Really, the team as a whole, everybody is scoring," he said. "I've had the opportunity to put more in, but everybody's stepped up in a big game and scored."

"I'm in a position (as a forward) where I'm generally supposed to score, but it's my teammates who give me that opportunity."

One of those teammates is senior midfielder Justin Buerge, whom Rupar has played with for years.

"I have the most respect for him, playing with him since we've been little," he said.

Rupar, who has been playing since he began elementary school, said the game is not easily described.

"I love being out there, I love playing and the competition, and playing with a group of guys I get along with," he said. "There's not just one thing you can pinpoint as the one thing I like most."

As for his hopes for his upcoming years at Southern, Rupar says he hopes the team can get the recognition he thinks it deserves.

"I'd really like to see us go to the post-season," he said. "I'd like to see Missouri Southern known for soccer, and when people think of Missouri Southern soccer to think 'Hey, they've got a great program.'" □



TERESA BLAND/The Chart

Sophomore biology major Ryan Rupar, forward for the Missouri Southern soccer squad, takes pride in his team and in being a team player.

SOCCER

Conference title still possibility

By ANDRE SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Wednesday's showdown between Truman State University and the University of Missouri-Rolla could decide the fate of Missouri Southern's soccer team.

Head coach Jim Cook anticipates that a Rolla loss would most likely put three teams in a tie for first place in the MIAA.

"We know that we can do no worse than second place in the conference," Cook said. "We could win it outright if someone knocks off Truman or Rolla, but it would take some miracles."

Southern ended Truman State's eight-year MIAA winning streak last week, but dropped a 2-1 decision to Rolla earlier in the season.

"We really want a piece of the conference championship," Cook said. "The only thing that kept us from knowing right now whether we won or not is the Rolla loss."

Unnecessary losses were one of the main things that disappointed coach Cook about the season. The Lions are 8-6-1 overall.

"We were Jekyll and Hyde this year," he said. "You never knew who was going to show up. We had a very roller-coaster season and we lost to teams we shouldn't have."

Cook added that the team did a good job of showing up for the games that really counted. Most of Southern's victories were against ranked teams.

Some of the teams Cook thought the Lions should have handled were the University of Central Arkansas, Northeastern State, Oral Roberts, and Rolla.

One thing that he was pleased with, however, was the team's stellar defensive play.

"Seven of our eight wins have been shutouts," Cook said. "When we win we've usually played well defensively."

Southern continued the defensive effort Sunday with a 1-0 victory over a tough Midwestern State team.

"They were ranked No. 1 in the nation preseason, and they lost a player to professional soccer," Cook said. "They have a quality group, and to get the win was huge."

Goalkeeper Chris Lewis sparked the shutout with six saves.

The lone goal was scored by Mark Turpen with Todd Eaton on the assist.

This weekend the Lions travel to Canyon, Texas, to face Colorado Christian and West Texas A&M. Cook said West Texas A&M would be a tough team to beat.

"They are one of the perennial Division II powers," he said. "They've been ranked the entire season, and we'll fire up to play them. If we don't, they will beat us bad." □

China:

Here and there

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Liu leads celebration

By RHONDA CLARK
STAFF WRITER

Variety adds spice to life, and on Friday, Nov. 7, a rare opportunity to experience the culture of the Orient comes to Missouri Southern's Webster Hall auditorium. The Chinese Music Celebration, a live performance, begins at 7:30 p.m. Dr. Kexi Liu, assistant professor of music and director of the Suzuki Violin Academy, thinks the concert is invaluable.

"We don't have many opportunities to hear Oriental music, that's kind of a unique experience for American people to hear Chinese music," he said.

Pete Havely head of the music department, said the event is organized by the College in conjunction with his department and the international studies program.

"This is the music department's contribution to the China Semester," he said.

Three Chinese musicians, including Liu on the violin, will perform.

"Each one of us will play five to six pieces of Chinese music," he said. "Some of the pieces are traditional old pieces and some of them are modern pieces. But, still the modern pieces have the Chinese style."

Though composed in the 20th century, the modern selections cannot be mistaken for what most Americans perceive as modern music.

"For example, I may play several pieces composed in the 1950s," Liu said.

"Those pieces are based on the folk songs and the folk music. They cannot be mistaken as western music -- definitely Oriental."

The talents of 16-year-old pianist Jian Liu will be featured.

The winner of the junior division of the Missouri Southern International Piano Competition last year, he currently is a student in Phoenix, Ariz.

An interesting representation of Chinese culture will be the pi-pa, a traditional Chinese plucked instrument.

"Nothing can compare with pi-pa," Liu said. "In America, we have guitar and banjo, but there is quite a difference from pi-pa. Pi-pa is an old Chinese traditional instrument."

Performing this instrument will be Ming Ke, an "excellent pi-pa player" from Ohio.

Originally from Nanjing, China, Ke has also performed with the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra.

Because the instrument is unfamiliar to most people, an explanation of what it is and the playing technique used will be given.

Liu said this may be the first time for some people to hear Chinese music and see western instruments perform this style. He also believes the concert is a rarity.

"Many, many people, I would guess, have never gotten the chance to at least listen to a live performance of Chinese music," Liu said.

The same week as the concert, the three musicians will be doing demonstrations in Music Appreciation classes. For students not enrolled in these classes, an open presentation is scheduled for 1 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 7 in Webster Hall auditorium. ☐



AARON DESLATTRE/MSU

Dr. Kexi Liu, assistant professor of music, along with Jian Liu, pianist, and Ming Ke, pi-pa player, will perform Chinese music.

Shanghai is not China, because the whole country is completely different than her.

Historic port city has new vision for future

Shanghai struggles to balance Chinese, European heritage

By RICK ROGERS

INTERNATIONAL REPORT

SHANGHAI, China —

Work in progress. That basically sums up what is taking place in Shanghai, a city that is definitely on the move.

Rattling jackhammers, the constant beeping horns of taxis and cars weaving through herds of pedestrians and bicycles and new-wave hotels and skyscraper office buildings are living proof that this city is looking toward the future. A future where it may someday rival its new sister city of Hong Kong.

But Shanghai isn't quite there yet. There is still a unique flavor to this city that rests along China's Pacific Rim. An attitude and look that provides its own special identity.

Shanghai doesn't have the historic history of Beijing, which is home to The Great Wall and Tiananmen Square, and it isn't the booming business-mecca that Hong Kong prides itself on.

Shanghai is different. Along with its Chinese heritage, there is a distinct European feel and look to the city. German, Spanish, and English-style houses and shops can be found nestled along every street corner — sometimes right beside Shanghai's newly erected glass-walled office buildings, making them look somewhat out of place. These old-style buildings sit there as quiet reminders of what Shanghai used to be.

The city was once a small port stop along the Pacific Ocean — not

the up-and-coming business center it now strives for today.

Mariceo Robust, an Italian native who now resides in Shanghai after spending more than three years traveling throughout China, said his now-found home is like no other in the mainland.

"Shanghai is not China," Robust said. "Because the whole country is completely different than here. Here there is a definite look of other countries, of European cultures. But it isn't a true representation of China."

Along its streets, which are home to various shops and restaurants, hang reminders that Shanghai is also home to more than 10 million residents. Swaying high, and sometimes rather low, along major routes and small alleyways are clothes in all shapes and sizes on lines stretching from apartment to apartment. Symbols that Shanghai is still a little rough around the edges.

Unlike other major metropolitan cities in China, Shanghai doesn't have one single mold. It would be easy to say it's the multi-city family of China.

In Hong Kong there is a major English influence, because it was under British rule for more than 150 years, and a major western feel, because of its business background.

Guangzhou, a city that is feeding off Hong Kong's success because it sits just a few hundred miles away, boasts a certain down-home feel.

Tourism and the western lifestyle haven't quite reached the people of Guangzhou, where a foreigner is greeted with a curious stare and a smile.

Beijing, China's capital city, is the mainland's cultural hotbed. It symbolizes what the true definition of China is via its historic background.



RICK ROGERS/The China

While the entire city of Shanghai begins its transition to become the Asian equivalent of Chicago, it still has plenty of work to do. That attempt is made more difficult because most people get around the city on bikes.

But in Shanghai, all of those elements are rolled up into one, and now the city is just trying to put the final pieces of the puzzle together.

Stuart Magloff, a Pennsylvania native who has visited Shanghai six times in the past year and a half, has been able to watch the city "blossom."

"My first time here was in November of 1995, and since that time the rate of change has been dramatic," Magloff said. "When I first came here the roads and expressways were not as nearly developed as they are now. The western influence regarding restaurants and shops has changed dramatically. Even the people you see

on the streets are wearing more and more western-style clothing."

To the western eye, Shanghai can be quite impressive. A city that at times falls under the shadows of Beijing and Hong Kong, the tourism industry is now beginning to make a name for itself among foreign visitors.

Bob Shramovich, a resident of New Jersey who was spending his second day in the city, said he felt more at home walking the streets of Shanghai at night than in New York City.

"I can't believe all of this construction," said Shramovich, a consumer products representative for Johnson and Johnson. "I never expected

Shanghai to be this advanced. With all of the people and the construction, it is quite amazing. The people are very friendly here, and I don't feel threatened."

Much like Hong Kong, neon-glowing signs selling everything from Coca-Cola to Vaseline light up Shanghai's night skyline. Nuijing Road, a major thoroughway that features strings of hanging lights and Oriental lamps hanging above its walkways, provides a perfect spot for an evening on the town.

Whether it's a romantic outing or just a stop on the Shanghai tour, this road is where natives and tourist can enjoy any shopping or eating pleasure or just take a leisurely stroll.

Chinese language courses becoming more popular

By MARLA HINKLE
STAFF WRITER

Although this is not the first semester Chinese classes have been offered at Missouri Southern, special emphasis is placed on China this semester. The semester is devoted to China because of the increasing impact the People's Republic of China is having on the global economy and global events. The China Semester will highlight aspects of the country through on-campus events and activities.

"There is great improvement in the number of students taking the Beginning Chinese course," said Xiaoming (Sherman) Hou, assistant profes-

sor of communications. "The first semester it was offered, I only had one student enrolled; the second semester, five; and the current semester about 12 students."

For the Beginning Chinese class, Hou said he primarily focuses on the language and learning the symbols and how to draw them.

"Culture also plays an integral part in the learning process when any foreign language course is taken," he said.

Matt Clements, a student in Hou's Beginning Chinese class, is enthusiastic with the class.

"I find the class very unusual, yet entertaining," he said. "I hope to fulfill my language requirement with something more diverse than Spanish and French."

Hou is pleased with Southern's choice to recognize China throughout the semester.

"To most Americans, the Chinese language is a mystery, and I think the focus on China will be very beneficial in making people aware of the language and culture, and also to open up the possibilities that occur when learning about another culture," he said.

Courses offered this semester include Introductory Chinese, Beginning Chinese I and II, Intermediate Chinese I and II, Selected Topics in Chinese, and Independent Study.

The International Language Resource Center offers a free Chinese class for children ages 9-15 Thursday afternoons in Webster Hall. Victoria Liu is the instructor.

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To most Americans, the Chinese language is a mystery.

Sherman Hou
Assistant professor,
communications

Words hardest part of breaking barrier

By J.L. GRIFFIN
CHART INTERNATIONAL REPORTER

SHANGHAI, China —

To the untrained ear people speaking Chinese sounds like a constant bickering. Many of their conversations sound like a series of accusations or quick vengeful remarks.

However, it isn't as it appears. The Chinese language, whether it be Cantonese, Mandarin, Pinyin or Putonghua, is a language based on tones rather than punctuation.

Pinyin is the Chinese attempt to unify its national language. It's not been resoundingly successful, but it has fared better than past attempts.

For travelers to China it is almost immediately discovered that there are no similarities between their native tongue and the Chinese vocabulary.

The Chinese language is in a league of its own.

Just as in English there are words that are spelled the same but mean different things. For instance, "ma" can mean mother or horse depending on how it is pronounced. By accentuating the "a" in "ma," a speaker can accidentally inquire about a person's horse rather than their mother.

"I'm sure I've made mistakes like that before, but nothing springs to mind," said Fritz Fehrenszen, a German businessman.

Fehrenszen has a leg up on most foreign businessmen in China; he has studied in Beijing and has a pretty firm grasp of the language.

"It's not as difficult to learn as Japanese,"

Fehrenszen said, "but the Chinese tones are what screw you up."

Most companies doing business in China hire interpreters or have employees who speak a variety of languages.

Therefore, some foreigners rely on the interpreters to get the wheels of commerce in motion. However there are other means of getting what you want.

"I use a lot of body language," said Bill Carceller, an Australian businessman. "At the market I use a calculator a lot."

The calculator is the item that seems to transcend all language boundaries. If the traveler doesn't have one, the shopkeeper most certainly will.

English speaking travelers can also expect to hear "hello" more frequently than any other English word. But that's the extent of most Chinese people's English vocabulary.

"It doesn't matter where you go," Carceller said, "they can say hello. They're so friendly about it."

Carceller admitted that he hadn't even tried to pick up any of the language since he was only going to be in Shanghai for a little while, but did say that not knowing the basics is bothersome.

"For someone who's been here for the first time it's been a little daunting and intimidating," he said.

Depending on what part of the country you are from, the Chinese can be very receptive of an attempt to speak the language, or can utter at an error in pronunciation.

In Guangzhou, in the southern part of China, it is very difficult to find speakers of anything



RICK ROGERS/The Chun

Communicating with locals in China usually requires fluency in the language, or an interpreter. Sometimes a citizen will surprise a tourist with the grasp of another tongue.

but Chinese. They relish a foreigner speaking or attempting to speak Chinese. In Shanghai, a city influenced by the west, attempts to speak Chinese are often followed by, "I can speak English." It is for that reason many foreign businessmen decide not to learn the language.

"I haven't tried to learn a bit," said Klaus Ehret, a German businessman. "They are trying to learn English and so I let them. It gets frustrating, but if English doesn't work I use my hands."

Ehret said it is hard for his ears to distinguish between a normal Chinese conversation and a confrontational one.

"When they're mad, they start to use their hands a lot," Fehrenszen said.

Body language is probably the most common form of communication between the Chinese and foreigner, but even that has its limitations. To ask for ice can turn into a 20 minute ordeal. Just try to describe ice with out speaking a word. ☐

Education takes on as important of role as entertainment

By LINDA WHITED
STAFF REPORTER

Southern Theatre will place a traditional view of China on stage in a production of *The Stolen Prince* at 2:30 p.m. Dec. 6-7.

"Our purpose is to educate and entertain students in Chinese theater," said Duane Hunt, associate professor of theatre. "Our bonus is we get to perform in front of thousands of local children."

Southern Theatre will use a 13-member cast and a 10-member production team. The one-act children's fantasy is sad at first, but the ending restores happiness.

"The production is an experience with another culture," said Sam Claussen, associate professor of theatre.

The children's production takes place somewhere between 1368 and 1644, during the Ming Dynasty.

"We are going to do a Tai Chi demonstration before the show," Claussen said. "We will be passing the Chinese culture along to the children."

Dr. Kexi Liu, assistant professor of music, teaches a continuing education course on Chinese meditation. Claussen enrolled in the course to teach the discipline to actors.

"The philosophy about Tai Chi centers on meditation and life energy through balancing them," he said.

Oriental cultures teach children the relaxation techniques, Claussen said.

The actors' make-up and costumes will closely adhere to the time period, thanks to Hunt, Claussen, and Anne Jaros, costume designer. Hunt searched the Internet to find authentic costume ideas.

"I also visited with Jan Lee, an antique store partner," Hunt said. "He is located near Mott Street, in the heart of New York City's Chinatown. He is an apprentice tea master and periodically conducts Chinese teas in the family store."

"In the middle of the script, we have a tea ceremony. I researched and found out about Chinese teas. The differences between the Japanese and Chinese tea ritual is that the Japanese stress the ceremony, but the Chinese stress the tea or nourishment."

In *The Stolen Prince*, a case of mistaken identities places the baby prince at death's doorstep, never to be seen or heard from again. The royal heir is switched with his twin sister during a botched baby heist. The infant's nurse leaves the pair unattended to scare away a greedy goose stealing garden cabbage.

One thousand and one years ago, in the play's setting, female infants were thought of as "weak, weeping" financial liabilities. Feminine lives were liquidated immediately in the Middle Flower Kingdom.

The perpetrators send the wrong baby to a misguided

raft ride. Kidnappers Long Fo and Wing Lee are siblings and the children of the Royal Chief Cook. Luckily, the prince is found by a poor fisherman, Hi Tee, and his wife, Li Mo.

The couple nurture the child to 9 years of age, then late turns on the trio again.

The childless parents first adopted the family pet, a duck, as their firstborn. The fisherman's duck steals a royal goldfish. By custom, the family makes restitution for the errant's crimes.

But the repayment is steep. The duck's snack will cost three heads.

Hi Tee, Li Mo, and the would-be emperor, Bright Joy, are commanded to lay their necks bare to the Royal Executioner. In the nick of time, the guilt- and grief-riddled nurse returns to identify the necklace before the ax falls.

The play's cast will undergo further training in Chinese culture. A "Chinese Opera" video introduced players to a sample of the intended craft.

"There is so much that can be done with it," said Pam Evitts, senior speech and drama major.

Evitts plays the musician role, similar to that of a narrator. "I'm looking forward to performing in front of the children," she said. "They will come away with something more than seeing the play; they're coming away with some Chinese culture and a taste of authenticity."

"It's a new, unique experience because you can not just pick up a copy at the library and read about it," she said. ☐

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Sam Claussen
Associate professor,
theatre

Eateries offer many Chinese cuisines

By KIKI COFFMAN
STAFF WRITER

CHINESE FOOD REGIONS:

■ *Each Chinese region is known for a certain dish or taste.*

Mongolia — barbecue

Peking — Peking Duck

Shanghai — noodles & seafood

Cantonese — sweet, colorful dishes

Hunan — hot & spicy

Szechuan — garlic, red pepper & leeks

Mongolia focuses on barbecue; Peking (or Mandarin), dishes like Peking Duck; Shanghai, varied noodle and seafood recipes; Fukien, clear and light soups; Canton, colorful dishes and arrangements of food; Hunan, hot and spicy recipes, many mushroom dishes; and Szechuan uses generous amounts of garlic, red pepper, and leeks.

It is important to note that most so-called

"Chinese" foods are actually nowhere close to being authentic. Often the closest a Chinese dinner comes to being Chinese is having it put in a doggie bag by an authentic Chinese person.

The typical menu item is, at best, American ingredients being prepared in a Chinese fashion.

The authentic Chinese materials are difficult to obtain and aren't similar to the American ones used. Authentic Chinese food is healthy and energizing. But the American substitute commonly devoured by patrons of most restaurants is fatty and energy-depleting.

"I can't handle all the oils in [Chinese] food," said Theresa Mayfield, sophomore nursing major. "It just makes me too tired to do anything."

But the many aficionados of the cuisine prefer it to the alternative.

"I'd rather have something that may not be as healthy for me and tastes good than

something that looks pretty but tastes bland," said Derek Fieker, owner of Atomic Joe's coffee house.

In fact, it is probably due to the demand for more cashew chicken-type food that the supply is so great.

"General Chicken is our most popular dish," said Scott Morris, waiter at Peking Restaurant.

General Tso's Chicken consists of breaded slices of chicken cooked with broccoli, water chestnuts, mushrooms, and bamboo shoots in a light brown garlic sauce. The recipe is not authentic Chinese, but extremely popular.

Still, there is sometimes an authentic recipe (or something close to it) available on the menu.

"Our zesty tofu dinner is pretty authentic," Morris said.

For Joplin diners, "pretty authentic" is as close as it gets when searching for traditional Chinese fare. □

Beijing's Food Street offers exotic cuisine, atmosphere

By J. L. GRIFFIN

BEIJING —

Tucked along a busy side-street are several tents. Steam rises and falls with the bellows of the food hawkers. It's Food Street in Beijing, one of the most colorful — and overlooked — sites in a city that is bursting with places to see. But this isn't just a place to see, it's a place to eat.

Food Street offers delicacies in just about everything imaginable. All of the four food groups are well represented by the rows of tents. Some food, however, refuses to be labeled and is definitely in a group of its own, at least to the western palate.

On the eastern end of the road the food looks normal. There are meats and breads and veggies thrown sporadically.

But after a few hundred feet down the nearly 1,000 foot row of tents, what appears to be an octopus lollipop is likely to catch the eye. Then possibly the grasshoppers stuck together, the line of silkworm pupae on a pole, or possibly the three scorpions on a stick.

That's right, scorpions on a stick. "I was tempted, but I don't know how to eat scorpion," said Gordon Hutton, a tourist from Toronto, Canada.

Well, after the cook deep fries the insect trifecta, you tear the tail off and eat it, stinger and all. Then you munch the rest of the body.

Guess what? It tastes like chicken. Many of the street cooks do this

■ their only means of making a living.

The priciest items are usually the most exotic. Meaning the scorpions will cost more than the dumplings or fried bread.

For the larger scorpions, it costs eight yuan, or roughly one American dollar. A stomach can easily be filled for three American dollars.

Zhai Hongwei, a cook on Food Street, sells 20 to 40 scorpion shishkabobs a day. "It's a kind of Chinese medicine," she tells westerners who squirm at the sight of impaled scorpions.

For other vendors, Food Street is a way to make it in the city. Some cooks come from far away to sell their food at the venue.

Sheng Shouwen just moved here from the Anhui Province south of Beijing, two months ago. He hasn't changed the way he cooks since the style of Beijing, he said. He believes there is room for all kinds of food. Besides, he's done it so long it has become second nature for him, he said.

"It's quite simple," Sheng said. "I didn't have to learn anything new."

Sheng serves up a variety of meat and vegetable dishes from his stand, leaving the exotic item to cooks like Zhai.

Most westerners are warned not to eat food served on the street before they embark on their journey to the Orient, but a passing whiff of the delicacies cooking on Food Street can be a magnet for even a full stomach.



Two Beijing chefs prepare fare for natives and tourists alike on Food Street. Delicacies offered on the busy street include exotic dishes like scorpion and grasshopper, along with staples like dumplings.

"The last time we came here we were full," Hutton said. "Now we're here to eat."

Although Food Street outwardly appears to be designed for the tourist industry, it's hard to find a foreign face among the crowd of

locals who are lined up at the vendors five or six people deep.

"They have more choices here, and you can have fun walking around the street," said local Chang Zhian.

Chang said he comes to Food

Street several times a month to eat, but has never tried the scorpion.

"I'm not so used to eating such strange things," he said before he began haggling over the price of one of the octopus lollipops. □

Chinese woman breaks traditional mold

By RICK ROGERS

BEIJING

Angell Liu, a 26-year-old businesswoman, is a world out there. She is a world that she wouldn't mind exploring, especially the United States. Her Mom, Mouse-collared T-shirt and neon-orange jean shorts are just two indications that Liu has a slight western flavor.

"America is the most advanced country of the world," she said. "It is the country of freedom. My parents told me a lot about America."

Even though being exposed to certain aspects of the American culture has been easier for her than her fellow residents, Liu said the curiosity of many Chinese people, including herself, takes fold when an American comes within her sight, simply because of his or her awkward appearance.

"Everybody in China always thinks that Americans are rich," she said. "But I don't think that. You also have poor people in your country."

Liu's family background also makes a unique situation when compared to her Chinese peers. Her father and mother both worked at the United Nations between 1984-88 and majored in foreign languages in college. She has an accessible path to study the English language in the comforts of home.

Liu, who is quite fluent in English, also has the computer skills to make her life easier, making her a bit of a modern woman compared to the typical Chinese homemaker.

Liu has also used books and literature to educate herself further on the American culture. She has found good literature on world events is the foreign language bookstore. There she can read about the historic moments in the Civil War or America's great leaders George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. But it's not a

Everybody in China always thinks that Americans are rich.

Angell Liu
Beijing resident

serious reading for Liu, who admits she doesn't mind sticking her nose in a good love story once in a while.

"I like her," she said, referring to the American lifestyle. "I realize Beijing is a city that is also rich in its own history and culture. A place that she said is a perfect thing for Chinese people to live in, and it is the place and the culture of China," she said.

"No city in compare to Beijing because of its culture. You can see music and ballet here and see the Chinese culture. This city has a long history in being the capital city spanning over several dynasties."

Because of her city's great background, Liu said the late Deng Xiaoping's decision to open China's doors to foreign visitors was the only way for outsiders to get a true first-hand look at the mainland's unique lifestyle.

"Our leader said that we could not open up the door to the outside world," she said. "Because this world is a world where all the people need to come together. And our culture is important for everyone to know."

Even with the city's slow becoming a commercial city with new high-rise office buildings and glamorous hotels catering to thousands of foreign sightseers.

"Beijing is now becoming a cosmopolitan city," Liu said. "It is following in the footsteps of cities



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Angell Liu talks with friend Wu Nan on a tour of Beijing University. She says she wants to attend an American university in the future.

Shanghai and Hong Kong."

Learning about the American culture and basking in the glory of Beijing's history aren't the only things Liu takes seriously.

"If you want to have a decent job in Beijing, you have to have a good education background,"

she said. "If you graduate from either university in Beijing it will be very easy for you to find a job. But if you never get a university or college degree and you only graduate from high school, it will be very difficult for you to find a good job."

The communication coordinator at Burnstone, a Japanese world-wide trading company, holds a bachelor's degree from Beijing Agricultural University and plans to attend an American university some time in the near future to obtain a master's degree in veterinarian medicine.

"My goal is to be able to attend any university I can in the United States," she said. "It doesn't really matter where I will go anywhere that offers me financial aid."

Now that answer is truly American. □



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A group of school girls in traditional Chinese garb wait in a line in Hong Kong.

Chinese culture sees change

By AARON DESLATTÉ
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

For 2,000 years, the Confucian view of women as lower forms of life than men was an established doctrine in Chinese society.

Ninety years ago, Qiu Jin, a female Chinese revolutionary, was executed by the Chinese Manchu government.

Her crime was the desire to institute a state where women would no longer be dependent and subject to their male counterparts.

This dependence was no better illustrated than by the act of foot binding. The practice began around AD 970 and involved breaking the arch of a girl's feet when she was five and tying them in a downward position.

The feet would become deformed and would remain bound for life.

Although this practice was abolished in 1911, it remained a wide-spread occurrence until the Communist take-over in 1949.

Today, according to some, China has evolved into a society which fosters equality among its male and female populace.

Victoria Liu, a freshman management major at Missouri Southern, a native of China and believes that the second-rate status of women in Chinese society is a thing of the past.

"After the liberation [in 1949], our status changed a lot," Liu said.

Liu, who spent three years in China working for AT&T, believes the issue of equality is paid more attention to in America than in China.

"Our situation in China is different," she said. "Not so many people care."

Dr. Allen Merriam, professor of communications, believes equal treatment of females is a key factor in China's drive to modernize its economic status.

"[China is] modernizing quite rapidly and becoming a world power," he said. "To compete on the international field, they need to utilize their female resources. One out of every 10 people in the world is a Chinese female." □

Collision of culturalism

By J.L. GRIFFIN
CHART INTERNATIONAL REPORTER

SHANGHAI, China —

I really is a tale of two cities, just as extreme as Charles Dickens' London and Paris, Shanghai and Hong Kong are the two cities of the moment.

Sure there are obvious similarities between the two cities, but there is a stark contrast to the pair as well. While both boast numerous skyscrapers and millions of people, those skyscrapers and people are like apples and oranges. Still fruit, but completely different from each other.

"I don't see Shanghai in competition with Hong Kong," said Tom Biddick, a tourist from California who lived in Shanghai 15 years ago. "Hong Kong has the advantage by its situation in the world economy currently. Shanghai is only trying to emulate that."

Some worry that Shanghai and China's leaders in Beijing are trying to take from Hong Kong and replace in Shanghai others believe the American situation is what awaits China's destiny in the coming years.

"I think Chicago and New York is one comparison," Biddick said. "One of the reasons Hong Kong is different from Shanghai is because of its western influence."

With the western influence catching up in Shanghai, it may be



Shanghai is constantly under construction. The blue sparks of welders can be seen in the skyline well after sunset.

only a matter of time before the two cities are the eastern version of America's Windy City and Big Apple.

Shanghai has long been the oddball cousin of China's big cities. With its sprawling mass of Victorian houses, German rowhouses, and Spanish stucco tiled roofs, Shanghai looks as much like the rest of China as Oahu looks like the United States.

"Five years ago when I first came to Shanghai it was nothing like Hong Kong," said Pete Williams, a businessman from England. "Shops are very much full now and the economy is getting there too."

Walking along Shanghai's Nanjing Road is similar to an excursion down Hong Kong's Nathan Road where western shops line the sidewalk and busy clerks keep opening the cash register with currency. The only difference between the two cities in this sense is that the cash registers are filled with dollars in Hong Kong and yuan in Shanghai. Besides a few empty stores along the Nanjing strip, the two cities could be twins. However, physically the two are miles apart. Hong Kong's harbor is fortified by the more than 100 skyscrapers, while Shanghai's tall buildings and scattered willy-nilly throughout the city's vast area. On top of some of Shanghai's taller buildings, one cannot see the end of Shanghai. Hong Kong, being an island, has an obvious end.

"The government is going to be the big question mark," Biddick said. "Shanghai used to be almost rural in a sense, but they've done an amazing job on the infrastructure."

City planners could spend years studying Shanghai's recent surge in construction and development. Zoning seems to be a concept completely lost in Shanghai development.

When the doors of commerce were opened to Shanghai in the early 1990s, the mass of businesses rushing in to get a piece of Shanghai knocked down the wall in the process. And buildings began cropping up everywhere and a snaking free-

way connects many of the buildings.

"To me, this city is everybody," said Tony Carver, a businessman from Canada. "It's the good, bad and ugly. It's got a lot of Hong Kong, but it's got a lot of Beijing too."

While the newer buildings—thousands are being constructed currently—tend to reflect the new architectural style, Shanghai will always have the colonialist feeling left over from its golden age when eight different countries had significant hold over the city in the 19th century.

Architecture is very similar to Hong Kong," Carver said. "Everybody wants to be Hong Kong now, there's a big bandwagon."

The people of Shanghai have gotten on that bandwagon as well. It seems more than any other city in China, Shanghai seems to be more influenced by the west. In fashion alone that can be seen.

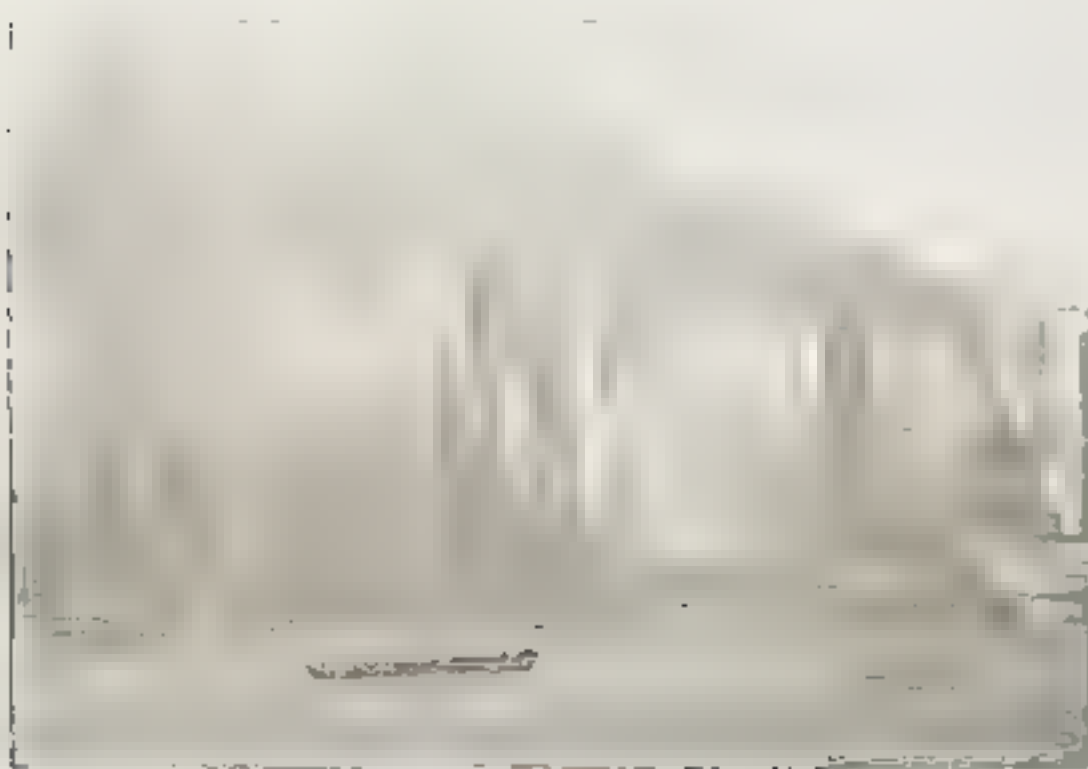
"Especially the women, they are much more fashion conscious in Shanghai than anywhere other than Hong Kong," said Williams.

Not everybody has caught up with the western fashion though. The Shanghai's can still be seen at any hour of the day jaunting about town in pajamas. Stores with sales on pajamas are often packed with people overflowing into the streets.

"That actually harks back to the old Shanghai and goes back to the Mao jacket era," Williams who has lived in Shanghai for the last five years, said. "It's really the only thing that is comfortable and that thin."

Although, Hong Kong is most likely to get credit for Shanghai's facelift, some think its personality is more like another city.

"Shanghai's like Los Angeles," Carver said. "I've seen everything in Shanghai, I mean everything. Things are strange, just like L.A." □



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Many fear China will try to make Shanghai into Hong Kong and take businesses away from the island to the mainland.

Students preparing for China to become powerhouse

By TAMMY SPICER
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

With China emerging as a new world power, students and faculty of Missouri Southern can be a part of the experience through the College's "China Semester." But it seems some students may be gaining more of an exposure to the Pacific rim culture than others.

"I see the whole international theme as being for our local students to realize and understand the window of opportunity they are willing to develop their cultural awareness," said Jim Gray, dean of the school of business.

The school of business has been applying the

China theme to several areas. In the International Trade Center, which has information files on many countries, there is an emphasis on collecting updated information on China.

"One of the reasons we are spending so much time on the China file is we have noticed that due to the China semester students are being assigned more work and reports on that country," said Terry Marion, director of the International Trade Center.

A seminar on business in Asia is being arranged for later in the semester with a China specialist as the primary speaker. The Department of Economic Development is also working with the College on the industrial

aspect of international business.

"Even before the China Semester, we have always had an international focus," Gray explained. "About 96 percent of our business majors take International Business as part of core classes."

Dr. Bo Stromborn, professor of international business, said he is glad to incorporate China more strongly into his classes.

"It is pretty timely," Stromborn said. "What is most exciting is the expected development of China. Will they take the lead in global economy? It is a well-chosen subject for Missouri Southern."

Not every area of the College is taking such a direct approach in implementing the China

semester into the curriculum.

"I think we should have done more to incorporate the China semester," said Dr. Richard Miller, head of the social science department. "I think almost everything is being influenced by China."

The department did hold a class in Chinese culture last year. The class was scheduled again this semester, but due to lack of enrollment was canceled, Miller said.

"It is being left up to individual faculty members to introduce China into the classroom," Miller said. "Just by design, many of the social sciences classes do international comparison, so in some ways the China semester affects us too." □

Walking

Trek on Great Wall not

By RICK ROGERS

Special to The Post

BEIJING

A mazing, remarkable, unbelievable, bewildering.

Almost all our words, and many more, can only begin to describe one of the world's seven wonders. The Great Wall is Babeling. Experiencing the world's longest wall is breathtaking — both literally and figuratively.

The Great Wall, known in China as the "Ten Thousand Li Wall," stretches from the Jia Lu River in the east to the Jiayugun Pass in the west, giving it a length of more than 6,000 kilometers.

It snakes through the mountainside like a living man-made river of concrete. At one time the river was there to protect its people — now it is there to protect their history. Its stone exterior and solid fortresses were not only barriers to help the nation defend itself from invasion, they were also works of art that defined the unique culture of the Chinese at the time.

The Great Wall was erected in the seventh century B.C. to ward off invasion from neighboring states.

In 221 B.C. Qin Shi Huang unified China and linked these walls



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Jake Griffin heads down the Great Wall, which is just as hard as going up it. Technology? In those days, that word meant thousands of men with strong hands and sturdy backs, instead of today's definition — machines, steel,



Peddlers at the Great Wall are almost as plentiful as the tourists. They sell everything

Walking along a wonder

It's for the faint of heart

When we first saw the wall, we thought it was neat to be able to witness one of the world's greatest wonders.

Constance Yen Ling
Tourist

time, and advanced computer.
Constance Yen Ling, a 42-year-old Singapore native, said how The Great Wall was built so many years ago was absolutely baffling to her.

"When we first saw the wall, we thought it was neat to be able to witness one of the world's greatest wonders," she said on her first trip to The Great Wall. "But then when we started to climb, I wondered how the world that built this. It's amazing how they were able to climb up here and carry things. What I am wondering is how did they really build it and why build it along all of these mountains?"

Even though the sights of The Great Wall are breathtaking from the outside,

looking in, it is the view from the stone pathways of the barrier toward the mountains that provides the sightseer with a better understanding.

The path is very narrow and leads to a level that is just high enough to see the wall. The Great Wall is a long, winding wall that runs along the ridges of mountains. It is made of stone and brick, and it is one of the most famous landmarks in the world. The wall is over 13,000 miles long, and it was built over 2,000 years ago. It is a testament to the ingenuity and strength of the Chinese people.

After spending a little more time on the Great Wall, Holland and DeFri said they were very happy with their visit. "It was a great experience," Holland said. "I had read about it in books and now I can see it for myself. It's amazing how they built it. I don't think that we could have done that in this time. Look at me. It's almost as if it's very hot."

Even with all the history, the Great Wall's historical significance has become a major attraction. Peddlers selling T-shirts and souvenirs flock to every tourist area. "I see along the wall's narrow stretches. I saw these people are just trying to make a decent living. For others, they are an eyesore in one of the world's greatest stages."

"It gets old after awhile," said Chris Strong, a Lawrence, Kan. resident, concerning the vari-



Rick Rogers (left) and Jake Griffin come to the end of the renovated section of the Great Wall.

ety of people. "I just wish they would stop selling T-shirts. If they didn't keep selling T-shirts, it would be so bad. I'm not sure if the Great Wall not selling T-shirts is a good idea or not."

Strong said he had been to the Great Wall many times and had seen it from many different angles. "It's a great experience," he said. "I always wanted to do it, and now I have. It's a great experience."

Strong said he did not think that the Great Wall was a very good idea. "I don't think that it's a very good idea," he said. "It's a great experience, but it's not a very good idea."

idea," he said. "She is telling me about this stuff, but I would rather just witness it for myself. Just seeing the mountain and the wall itself is a great experience."

No matter what language people speak or what culture their roots originate from, The Great Wall is a spectacle for all walks of life to enjoy and relish.

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Rick Rogers/The Great Wall of China. Rogers is seen from T-shirts and postcards to old coins.



Rick Rogers learned quickly the ascent up the Great Wall. Badaling is better taken at a slow pace. Many tourists don't make it to the end of the trek.

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The Main Attraction

Trip to zoo creates stars out of American tourists

Guangzhou Zoo Summer Highlights

By RICK ROGERS



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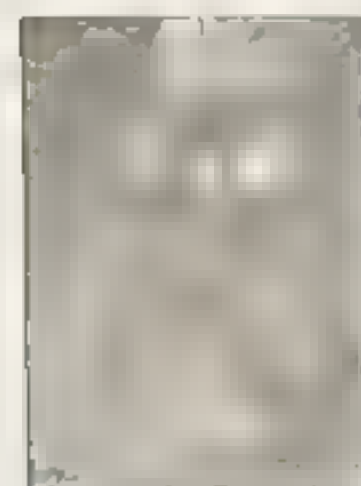
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GUANGZHOU, China —

During a visit to the Guangzhou Zoo, there seemed to be a new attraction that turned the heads of everyone strolling through the 43-hectare park.

No, it wasn't the zoo's usual headliner, the giant panda, or the energy-filled golden monkeys. It was two Americans among a crowd of Guangzhou residents, a sight not often seen on a typical Sunday afternoon. The American subjects drew expressions of bewilderment, amazement, and downright curiosity all over the natives' faces. Non-verbal communication was running rampant throughout the zoo. Even the bears probably could have figured out what was going on.

And luckily for us, the two Americans were Jake Griffin and I, and from what we saw during our leisurely promenade through the park, we were the only Caucasian residents present that day. The stares came from every direction — in front of us, behind us, from across the path — I think the animals were even curious of our nature. People would walk past us and then turn around to catch a final glimpse. It was like they had never seen a young white male before.

I knew before embarking on this trip that Jake and I would draw a few glances from the natives; we were warned about that. But I never would have imagined the treatment given to us



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Tourists can distract many people, but not Chinese workers.

would have demanded a hefty percentage of the profits.

At first, I must admit the constant stares and snickers really made me feel uneasy. It was hard to be able to enjoy the exhibits when you know everyone around you thinks you're the main attraction. At one point, a band of Chinese girls followed Jake and me shouting, "Excuse me, excuse me!" over and over again with big grins across their cute faces.

That's when I realized that we must really be a sight to see in Guangzhou, a city not known as a tourist hotbed. American visitors here are not an everyday occurrence like in its sister cities of Hong Kong and Beijing — we are a special treat. Guangzhou is a smaller metro area with little shops and ordinary people peddling along on rusty bicycles — a major means of transportation here.

As our zoo journey came to a close, I didn't seem to notice the stares and jesters of the people quite as much. Maybe the American zoo

tour became old news. I mean, how interesting can Jake and I be?

During my nerve-wrenching taxi jaunt back to the hotel, I realized something about my zoo adventure. As much as the people stared at Jake and me, I too stared at them — and at their actions. They were just as interesting and unusual to me as I was to them. Why? Just because they were different.

I have seen and even been friends with a Chinese person before, but actually experiencing their culture first-hand was something totally new to me. And that's what caused me to stare at them, just like they stared at me. So, I guess both Jake and I — and the residents walking through the zoo — learned a little something about culture. □



RICK ROGERS/The Chart

The practice of Tai Chi is popular in all parts of China and many tourists watch.



RICK ROGERS/The Chart

A trip through a Guangzhou alley will garner many glances for American visitors.

Historic, scenic campus lures students

By RICK ROGERS
CHART INTERNATIONAL REPORTER

BEIJING —

Chinese students are serious about their education. Being able to obtain a college degree is what lays down the foundation for the rest of a student's life. In China, attending university isn't just an excuse to get away from home—it's a serious struggle to survive amongst the masses.

If they succeed and graduate with a bachelor's or master's degree at a major Chinese university, finding good employment will not be a lifelong challenge. But for those young males and female who do poorly on their college entrance exams

and don't make it into one of China's universities, their crystal balls seem to produce a much murkier picture.

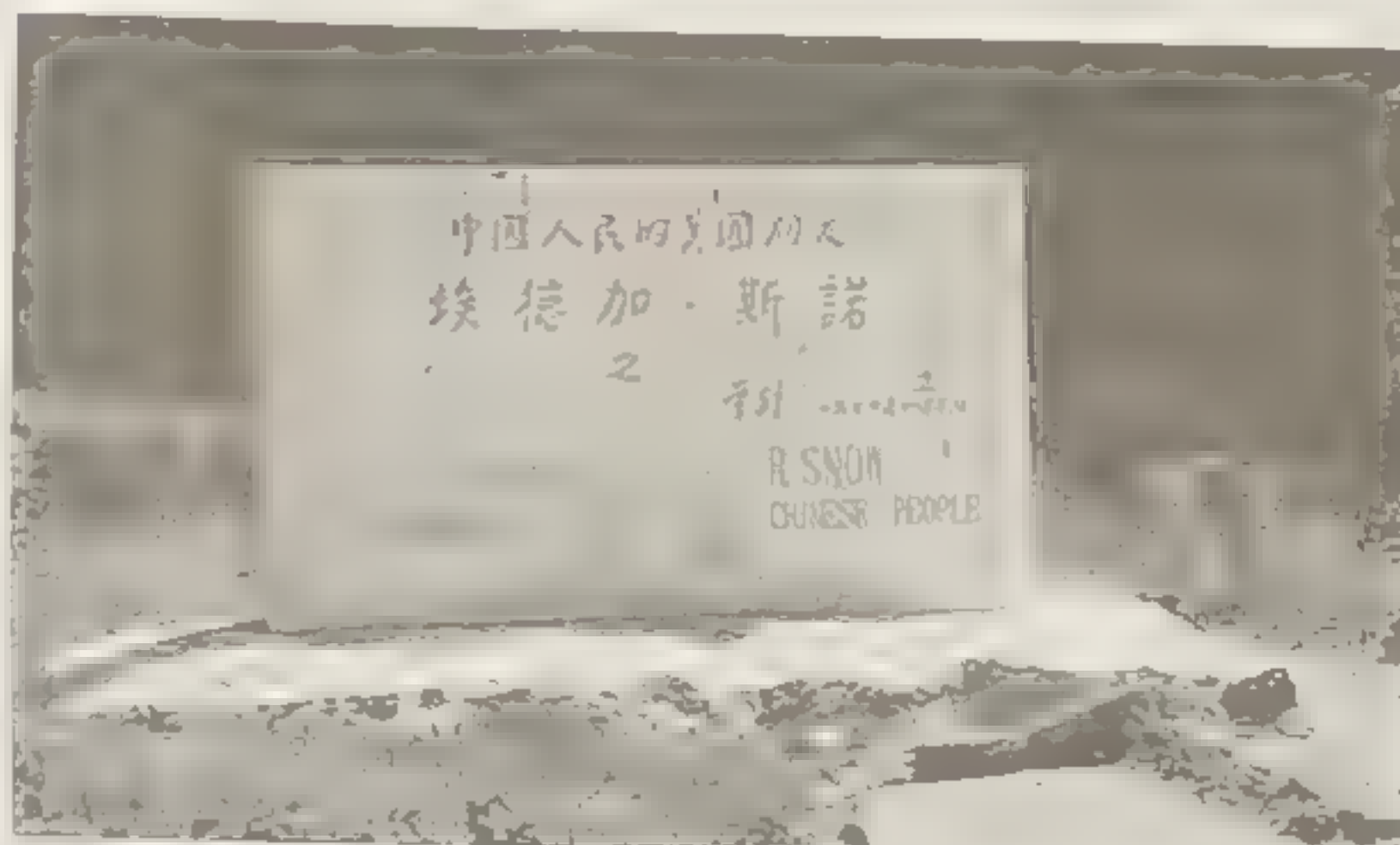
For most students growing up in China, and especially in Beijing, Peking University is their country's Harvard or Yale.

Peking U is where students, studying anything from biological sciences to economics, aspire to hone their skills and knowledge. Just being accepted at Peking U is a gigantic leap in the right direction.

Peking U, which was founded in 1905, is unlike any university or college in the United States. Its buildings are not just made of stone or brick, erected with absolutely zero character. Peking U's buildings are colorful and traditional in China. With various Chinese art and paintings along its walls, the average Peking U facility looks more like an historic temple, instead of a home with hundreds of science labs.

These buildings are living examples of China's various architectural flavors. Just studying them can be an educational experience for the foreign visitor. Classrooms? After catching a glimpse at the universities' buildings one begins to wonder if they exist. But don't worry. Peking U has hundreds of classrooms, where more than 70,000 students can be found studying throughout the academic year.

Surrounding those vast Chinese old-style marvels are cobblestone walkways, which provide an interesting tour of the university by foot. Just following those walkways can, at times, become an adventure in itself, as they weave through secluded wooded areas and various statues and monuments of former school officials and university friends, including the grave site of Edgar Snow, an American writer.



This memorial for Edgar Snow is located on the grounds of Beijing University. Snow was a Kansas City native and was considered a friend of the late Chinese leader Mao Zedong.

Because its students must be focused on their studies, and their studies only, Peking U's beautiful environment becomes a second home for many. Almost all of its students work only during their summer vacation, allowing them to concentrate on their exams during the school session. A school session, which Wu Nan, a 26-year-old international finance major at Peking U, said can be quite stressful at times.

But just like all of their peers around the globe, students at Peking U also need a break away from the books.

On any given sunny afternoon, pupils gather with friends, or a romantic interest, along the university's lake, where they and a handful of Beijing citizens can be found munching on watermelon, practicing their stick-fighting skills, or just enjoying a quick mid-afternoon nap.

Peking U is definitely the perfect picture of what a university should be. At least that is the opinion of Wu, who said he couldn't have imagined attending any other school in the mainland.

"Because it is the best College of Liberal Arts in China," Wu, who is currently studying in the College of Economics, said. "I believe anyone who wants to go to college longs to become a member of Peking University."

Peking U offers its students degrees in almost every aspect of education. Known as primarily a liberal arts institution, the university grants degrees in economics, business, physical and biological science, history, and many others which fall under the liberal arts.

But for Wu, Peking U offers him more than just a degree.

"Peking University is unique among the universities for many reasons," he said. "It has the longest history, because it is going to celebrate its 100 years anniversary soon. In both art and science fields, its academic stature cannot be compared. It is also famous for its distinctive campus culture."

That unique campus culture is highlighted by students gathering in the residential section of the campus, where pupils, who will be representing China's next generation, meet to discuss the aspects of politics, school, and life in general, according to Wu.

Even though the discussions of politics and life can at times become rather heated, its conversations about their schoolwork which are always first on the minds of the Peking U students.

"Education is very, very important," Wu said. "My personal opinion is that the major undergraduate level is not so important. The critical point is that a college education provides the opportunity for one to build up one's ideological system, the attitude toward life and the world. The way of thinking, especially in the campus at Peking U, where its influence is so imperceptible, but too powerful."

Because he attends a school in a country where personal freedoms can at times be hard to come by, Wu said he would still like to see Peking U evolve into more of an open educational system.

"That would mean a more flexible way for both teachers and students," he said. "There shall be more freedom for students to choose a professor's lecture even if he or she is not a registered student of the course."

"There shall be more communication among the college and its departments. Students should also pay more attention to the training of personal quality."

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Rick Rogers (left), Angell Liu, and Wu Nan look at a pillar in front of Beijing University's administration building that was used to hang heads from in the old days.

Family bequeaths resiliency to Leon

Early years spent fleeing two homelands

By AILEEN GRONEWOLD
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

When Vivian Leon was growing up, she frequently heard stories of enemy invaders and daring escapes. It might sound like the stuff of action cartoons or adventure books, but the heroes were real-life people — her parents, grandparents, uncles, and aunts.

Those stories gave Leon an abiding sense of her Chinese heritage and a profound respect for her people.

"My grandfather was a physician and also a general in the military, so he was in charge of all the veterans' hospitals in the northern part of China," she said. "And my grandmother was the first president of the YWCA in China. They lived a comfortable life in a large compound with the family and servants."

When Leon's mother, Kathryn, was a high school junior, however, that idyllic lifestyle came to an abrupt end.

"The Japanese somehow got wind that Chiang Kai-shek was having a meeting in their town," Leon said. "My mother was having a snack after school with her seven brothers and sisters when they heard the rumble of war planes."

The family, numbering 29 with servants, immediately fled with only the clothes on their backs.

"By the time the bombing stopped, the gate to the city was closed because destruction and burning was going on. They never went back."

From that day on, the family moved continuously as the Japanese army pushed them further and further inland. They found safety for a while beyond the mountains in the city of Guiyang.

Kathryn, who was never able to finish high school,

wanted desperately to attend the university, but the family had no money and many mouths to feed. Still, she secretly took the entrance exam and passed.

At great personal sacrifice, her father allowed her to enroll.

As it turns out, the money was well invested. After the first year, Kathryn took a national test and was selected as the top female student in the country. She won a full-ride scholarship and went to Hong Kong, which was under British rule, to finish her education.

"But during her last year, guess who came to Hong Kong?" Leon said. "The Japanese. That was 1941, and the Japanese bombed Hong Kong on their victory return from Pearl Harbor. The school shut down and my mother never graduated."

The Japanese took over Hong Kong, and Leon's parents were forced to flee once again.

"Because it was war time they got married the old-fashioned way," she said. "They went to my dad's family, and my mother gave her mother-in-law tea. His parents gave them their blessing, and that was their wedding."

"They went back to China, and everything was chaos because

many places were still occupied by the Japanese. My parents then were officially refugees."

For the next four years the couple moved from one town to another and added two children, a boy and a girl, to their family. For a time Leon's father worked with the United States Air Force.

When World War II ended and the Japanese retreated, the family enjoyed a brief time of peace. Leon was born during this time period.

"We moved to a place called Tsingdao, which is right on the ocean, and my father was working with the American 7th fleet. It seemed that all the hardship was over, but no such luck. Communism was brewing in the north, and in 1949 it started moving south."

As the Communist forces approached, Leon's mother was due to have her fourth child. The baby was late. The American fleet pulled out, the hospital closed, and the family stayed.

"When the baby was finally born with the help of a midwife, it was stillborn. And that decided our future because the baby had lived, we were going to stay. We caught the last boat out, and the very next day the Communists took over the town."

Through another series of adventures, the family finally made it back to Hong Kong, where they settled perma-



Leon's mother (in the striped kimono) and her family pose in formal attire during the peaceful era before their forced exile.

nently. Though she grew up during a period of peace and stability, the pain and hardship her parents endured remains vivid in her mind.

"I think of the human spirit and how one can start over from zero," she said. "It's amazing. I look at my parents and wonder how they made it."

Leon's parents both found teaching positions and shared two passions in life: music and education. They were willing to make any sacrifice for their children, who numbered four by this time, for these priorities.

"The very first major purchase my parents made was a piano," Leon said. "We all had such an interest in music. My mother said I always pretended to play the piano on my high chair."

Small wonder, then, that Leon's life passion continues to be music. Her work as an orchestra conductor at the Missouri Southern International Piano Competition gives her great satisfaction.

Her accomplishment in music paved the way for Leon to attend Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee, Okla., on a music scholarship. There she met her husband, Julio, who came to Oklahoma from Chile on a track scholarship.

Leon marvels at a coincidence they discovered: Julio's father, who is Chinese, and her father came from the same city in China, Canton, which is now called Guangzhou.

Vivian Leon watches China's changing position in the world with interest, particularly the transfer of power in Hong Kong this summer.

"I saw subtle changes when I was there two years ago," she said. "Many people I know who still live there have acquired property and citizenship in other countries just in case things get bad."

She believes the United States must take a strong stand as China's power increases.

"As China becomes more and more powerful, it is important that they be made to abide by the rules like the rest of the world," she said. "The Chinese government doesn't seem to be worried about world opinion. That scares me."

In spite of the anxiety surrounding China right now, Leon is proud of her people and her heritage. □



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Vivian Leon and her mother, Kathryn Wu, pose during a time of peace in Nanjing.



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The Wu family was living in Hong Kong when this picture was taken around 1952. From the left: Bertha, Chih-Kang, Raymond, baby Kenneth, Kathryn, and Vivian.

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Vivian Leon
Director of MSIPC

Boss influences move to America

By MICHAEL RASKA
ASSISTANT EDITOR

About 22,000 kilometers from Joplin, in a province called Sichuan, lies the city of Chengdu, the major metropolitan area in southwest China. It is also the home of Missouri Southern management major Victoria Liu.

Liu, 22, arrived in the United States two months ago. It is her first time to travel outside the borders of China.

"The reason I came here is because I wanted to educate myself," she said. "After my dad died five years ago and my mother died last year, I decided to come here. My mom also wished for me to come here. She said to me, 'You should live a better life; that's why I want you to go to America.'"

After the death of her mother, her life was influenced by Bob Gates, Liu's boss at the Chengdu AT&T office where she worked as a secretary.

Gates took care of Liu and helped her to manage to get to America.

"He is like my father to me," she said.

"I was considering going to America for study, and he made a commitment to help me. Bob and his wife, Carol, both graduated from MSSC, and that's why I got to know about this college. Together we have made the impossible possible. Without them I wouldn't be here today."

Liu studied two years of English at the Sichuan Teacher's University in Chengdu.

"Our universities are so much different," she said.

"For security reasons they are surrounded by walls and placed outside the city. All teachers and students must live on campus.

"Also, our school system is so different. Everyone has to select a major before he or she starts to study. If someone doesn't have an idea what major to take, most likely he or she will get

an assigned major by the school. We have no freedom to choose classes like here."

Liu said she was surprised to learn that some of her classmates at Southern have yet to select a major.

Liu prepared herself for a year before coming to Southern.

"It is going well so far; my biggest problem is the new vocabulary I have to learn," she said. "I didn't have a culture shock as many other international students do."

"I observe everything around me — people's behavior, customs, and I accept it. People here, with some exceptions, are very friendly, and I love the school," Liu said. "After all, we are all the same human beings, even though from different cultures."

There were some adjustments Liu had to make, especially in adjusting to the food and the weather.

"I was told that American food is terrible, but it's not as bad as I thought it would be," she said. "Our food is totally different. We eat much more rice, vegetables, and most of the time we cook homemade meals. Regarding the climate, I live around mountains where the temperatures are lower, so it feels much warmer here."

Liu also expressed her joy toward the College's international mission.

"I am happy to be here and meet all those other international students from many countries," she said.

"I like my roommates Elin from Sweden, Sylvain from France, and all the others."

"We understand each other very well, we share our cultures, and we have the same ideas," said Elin Wiking, Liu's roommate from Sweden. "Even though we don't speak the same language, there are no significant differences between us."

"Victoria is a great person," Wiking added. "She believes in good in people and tries to bring up the good in them." □



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Victoria Liu is not only new to Joplin, she is new to international travel. Bob Gates, her boss in China, is a graduate of Southern and helped her come here.

Job leads to visit home for Ding

By MARILYN TAFT
STAFF WRITER

Superficial is how one Missouri Southern graduate from China finds the Midwestern populace.

"You talk to people and it seems like you're communicating, but you're only communicating at a level like the weather, not really deep feelings," said Yun Ding (pronounced Ying Ding).

Ding is a May 1997 computer information systems graduate.

Ding, born in Shanghai, finds she has many acquaintances in the Midwest but no close friends.

"You realize almost instantly you're different," she says about finding common ground between herself and Midwesterners.

She said in China the native people don't talk to everyone. The

people they do talk to, they talk to passionately.

Topics such as politics, world events, and Far Eastern history are discussed constantly and in detail.

"The people here don't seem to care about politics," Ding said.

The one thing she does find Midwesterners caring about is religion. Ding does not have any religious beliefs.

In Shanghai, people worship, but it's not an organized event.

People go to the temples anytime they feel the need.

Answers to problems commonly found in the Bible are answered by way of folklore in China, she said.

"We have folk ways and customs that guide you if you need guidance," she said. "People talk about legends, stories, histories — to

me, it's very important."

Ding moved here with her parents and sister when she was 15. They first lived in Pittsburg, Kan., but then moved to Joplin. She graduated from Joplin High and went to Pittsburg State University for one year.

She then transferred to Southern for the shorter drive.

She now works at Leggett & Platt, Inc.

"They (Leggett & Platt) are in the processes of installing software in the Far East, Shanghai, exactly," Ding said smiling.

She will be helping with communication and the installation of a new software package in Shanghai.

The first trip is planned for November.

"I am very excited to be going home," she said. □



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Yun Ding graduated from Missouri Southern in 1997 and is now working for Leggett & Platt in Carthage. She was born in Shanghai.

Campbell meets edible culture shock

Collegiate group
tours China in effort
to spread gospel

By EILEEN COR
STAFF WRITER

Jean Campbell, telecommunications promotions director and Crossroads adviser, found her summer trip to China to be both an enlightening and an exotic experience.

She was invited to accompany her daughter, Dana Potts, as a chaperone for a student singing group, Contempos, from Southwest Baptist University. China experienced its hottest season in 150 years during their 23-day journey.

"It was marvelous," Campbell said, "the greatest adventure in my life."

The food she ate was the exotic part.

"I loved Chinese food," she said. "[It was] marvelous, wonderful food. I ate snake, silkworm, octopus, fish eye soup, chicken feet, tongue, tripe, stomach, mutton, and some things I didn't know what were."

She quickly learned to wait for instructions on how to eat foods that were new to her.

"I did a major faux pas with the silkworm," Campbell said. "It looked like a popcorn shrimp, so I plucked it in my mouth, chewed it

up, and swallowed. The first layer felt like a crusty, crispy shell kind of thing. The next layer was like chewing a cobweb.

Our interpreter showed me how to eat it.

She took it in her fingers, broke it apart, pulled out the dark green almond-sized sliver that was in the middle, and laid it on the plate and ate the rest. I'd already eaten the worm."

Campbell visited places of antiquity and learned many things about the history.

She visited the Royal Palace in Shenyang and the Great Wall of China near Beijing.

"It is awe-inspiring to see those places and realize just the fact that they were even constructed before Christ, 700 B.C.," she said. "They started building the wall and work went on for hundreds and hundreds of years, with each dynasty trying to make theirs just a little bit better or different."

"But the phenomenal thing about [the wall] is that it's the only manmade structure on earth that can be observed from outer space."

She found many "touching" characteristics in the Chinese people.

"It appears there are few places in the world [that] Americans enjoy as much respect as we get from the Chinese," Campbell said.

"They have a great respect for American ways. They are impressed with what we do and what we have, how we act, and



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Jean Campbell, telecommunications promotions director and Crossroads adviser (right), is seen here with her daughter, Dana Potts, in front of the Great Wall of China on a trip they made in July 1997.

how we dress. They try a lot to imitate that."

She noticed the attention and courtesy she received while attending one of the state-sanctioned churches on a Sunday morning.

"There is a special seating section for foreigners," Campbell said. "We were ushered [inside] past rows, lines of people waiting to get into the church."

She said approximately 2,000 people were inside while another

1,500 waited in lines outside.

"I found [it] very touching to see that there were people who were eager and hungry to hear the gospel preached," she said.

"We stood and sang songs that I would sing in my church. They sang [the songs] in Chinese, and I thought 'God is here.' There are brothers and sisters who share my faith around the world. They don't speak my language. They may not share my values, philosophies, and

politics, but there is faith in God in common."

Campbell was impressed by the hard work and pride the Chinese initiate in everything they build.

"I saw them building 12-story buildings with bamboo scaffolding," she said. "We saw them building a road by hand."

They have so much happening, and everything is extremely labor intensive for these people. It's just incredible." □



SPECIAL TO THE CHART

Dr. Conrad Gubera, professor of sociology, takes some time to study the Chinese culture while traveling by train through the countryside.

Western image seen in China

By JEFF BILLINGTON
STAFF WRITER

To many Americans, China is seen as a society that is quite different from their own. The reality of this is quite different, however.

"They are changing to be more like us than we will ever be," said Dr. Conrad Gubera, professor of sociology. "They're very westernized; you rarely see a person in native dress in China."

"Probably what China is trying to do socially and economically is to come into the 20th century of the western world," said Dr. Richard Miller, head of the social science department.

Gubera said the Chinese like to use the western look as a sales image.

"Their mannequins are all of western women with blond hair,

blue eyes," he said. "Whenever they have calendars showing perfumes or such, it's always that western look."

Gubera said that while the western world has taken over most of the cities, you can still find the old culture.

"You have to get off of the beaten way," he said. "Go down into the so-called bad areas of Beijing, and there that's the real Chinese."

Miller said he thinks one of the biggest issues concerning China is the social changes that are taking place in family structure.

"You're going to see China almost like western societies," Miller said, "in that each generation is going to see differences than the previous generation."

"We're already starting to see change where the parents are no longer as revered as they once were," he said.

"The care and concern issues that they've never dealt with are becoming real issues for them now."

Gubera said that while China may be 40 years behind the United States in some respects, in terms of generating income it is much closer. He said although the Chinese like to visit America, they are not interested in moving here.

"The Chinese like China," Gubera said. "They like to visit America, but they never say anything about staying in America."

Gubera said he has serious concerns about China if it continues to become like the United States.

"If a billion people consumed like 250 million people do in America," Gubera said, "I just have fears based on that alone. It's not war; hell, it's way beyond war." □

Hou feels fortunate to attend college



TERESA BLAND/The Chart

Sherman Hou says a stroke of luck got him into college when Chinese policy changed in his favor in 1976.

By BRIAN PALMER
STAFF WRITER

Luck may have played a part in the expansion of Missouri Southern's international mission.

Xiaoming (Sherman) Hou, assistant professor of East Asian languages, cites luck as one of the reasons he was able to go to college.

"I was quite lucky," he said. "I didn't go to the countryside. Lots of people were forced to go to the countryside to be farmers. I didn't go."

Hou was able to enter college and eventually come to Southern to teach Chinese and Japanese. But the Chinese government's overlooking Hou for the farming industry was not the immediate ticket to college; the system in place at that time didn't allow for just anyone to go to college. Instead, a prospective candidate had to be nominated by his or her superiors in the workplace.

In 1976, in another stroke of luck, the government changed, and the old system allowing anyone to take an entrance exam was reinstated.

"When I graduated from high school, you could not go directly from high school to a university," Hou said. "After Deng Xiaoping was in power again, then he recovered that system."

After taking the exam, Hou attended the China Textile University in his hometown of

Shanghai, where he was elected by the school to become an instructor during his freshman year. He then went to Beijing to attend the Beijing Foreign Language Institute, and in 1991 left China to attend the University of Hawaii, where he received his master's degree and was accepted as a doctoral candidate.

He taught Japanese at Hawaii for three years, then came to Southern, where he almost immediately found a friend in Dr. Kexi Liu, assistant professor of music and director of the Suzuki Violin Academy.

"We play bridge together almost every week," Liu said. "He is my opponent — [he's] not on my team — but we are friends."

Liu and Hou celebrate the traditional Chinese festivals together with other families in the area, such as the mid-autumn festival, also known as the "moon cake" festival, because the moon cake is the featured food.

Liu cites the two friends' similar experiences as a bond between them.

"Even though I've known him only a little bit more than one year, we seem to be very old friends," Liu said. "Both of us came from mainland China, and we have the same background, similar education, and similar experience. That made us feel like, even though we didn't know each other before, we have been friends for a long time." □

Chinese poetry places emphasis on setting, symbol

Asian literature shapes writing, philosophy in other Asian countries.

By JEFF WELLS
STAFF WRITER

While Chinese literature has shaped writing and thought in other Asian countries, its meaning is often misunderstood in America.

Chinese literary tradition dates back more than 3,000 years, reaching its "golden age" during the Tang Dynasty (618-906 B.C.). In this period of poetry, all the verse forms were freely adopted.

A form was perfected which consisted of five or seven syllable lines each with strict tonal patterns.

Last spring, Dr. Qia Xiaolong, a Chinese poetry translator, visited with comparative literature classes at Missouri Southern.

Xiaolong discussed a poem written in the eighth century.

Using an article he had written on translating Chinese literature, he explained how the ideograms, Chinese letter-symbols, do not have the same grammatical freedom, with no particular words being used as nouns or verbs.

Dr. Joy Dworkin, associate professor of English, attended the lecture and said Xiaolong "showed how these translations [to English] put a subject or person in which was not in the original. In the original, there was no identified subject."

"According to a contemporary Chinese literary critic, the best poetry doesn't have particular people, doesn't have the voice of a poet, and doesn't emphasize emotion," she said.

Chinese poetry of this era was descriptive, placing the emphasis on the setting. This is in contrast to western literature, which often relies on the emotional impact created by the characters.

Among the earliest Chinese works are those of Lao-tzu and Confucius, dating back to the sixth century B.C. Lao-tzu wrote *Tao-te ching*, a collection of thoughts that became the foundation of Taoism. Confucius wrote *Analects*, a collection of answers to questions asked the philosopher.

"Confucius and Lao-tzu at first glance doesn't look like religion to a westerner," said Dr. David Ackiss, professor of English. "But they have deeply affected their culture."

Xiaolong demonstrated how meanings can be lost or changed in translation. He recommended translations by William Yet and his book of classical Chinese verse, *The Sunflower's Surrender*.

Southern offers no courses in Chinese literature.

The subject is touched on in several English classes.

Persons interested in learning or experiencing more about Chinese literature will find a few items available at Spiva Library. □

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In the heart of Beijing

They have the sites, not finesse

By J. L. GRIFFIN
CHART INTERNATIONAL REPORTER

BEIJING —

Standing guard along the west end of Tiananmen Square is an ancient gate. Not a gate that westerners would recognize. This is more of a building, a tower that shades portions of the square when the sun begins to set on Beijing. It is the welcoming mat for China's tourist industry.

Packed to the gills during celebrations, Tiananmen Square is far less crowded when there's nothing to be celebrated. It is a mass of concrete with only two or three major sites of interest, but standing in the middle of the infamous grounds makes first-time visitors feel something different.

There is the tomb of the new China's first leader, Mao Zedong, and the monument to the People's Hero. That's it. Surrounding these two, however, are the wandering eyes of all who get the chance to see this plot.

Memories of Hong Kong's recent return to the motherland are still standing in the wake of the July 1 transition. People are still using the blocks of lettering that spell out the joyous handover occasion as background for photos.

Tiananmen Square is different now. After



J.L. GRIFFIN/The Chart

Flags, signs, and statues were left up for days in Beijing's Tiananmen Square after Hong Kong's reunification with China on July 1.

the handover celebration, it no longer carries that stigma that was once attached to it. Millions watched as the people of China wept tears of joy as the island was returned, not the tears of sorrow that a generation of westerners associates with the ground.

Tiananmen has changed and so has China. Guarding the area as much as the western gate is a McDonald's and Kentucky Fried Chicken.

Inside the square are the minions of Ronald McDonald and Col. Sanders, who will cut any thirsty tourist a deal on cold water or soda.

China has changed all right. Nowhere is that more apparent than east of Tiananmen

Square at the Forbidden City.

Once the palace of the emperors from both the Ming and Qing Dynasties, now the most expensive tourist stop in Beijing.

At 55 yuan, roughly \$7 American, to get inside the palace grounds, the Chinese have figured out how to capitalize on their history.

Not only is the Forbidden City unlike anything else in China, sparing maybe the Summer Palace, it is unlike anything in the world, sparing maybe the Kennedy compound in Florida. It is a monument to old China, the past. It is a monument to excess.

The Forbidden City guidebook lists 21 major points of interest inside the walls of the old Imperial Palace, but even the points that are unmarked are worth inspection. This is truly China's answer to America's Smithsonian Institute.

There is so much to see within the walls, and so little time. The human eye cannot possibly find a single focal point between the Tai He Men Gate and Tai He Dian Hall.

In all, the Forbidden City boasts 720,000 square meters of space, roughly 2,376,000 square feet.

There are more than 9,000 rooms in the Forbidden City, each of them restored and deserving more than just a passing glance.

The architecture of the Forbidden City is breathtaking and can't be likened to anything else in the world.



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The Empress' palace at the Forbidden City.



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Rick Rogers (left) and Jake Griffin at the Forbidden City.

But for all the Chinese have done to bring a hint of capitalism to the tourist industry, they are lacking the areas of timing. At Tiananmen Square, Mao's tomb was closed to the public for repairs at the height of the summer tourist season.

And Tai He Dian Hall, the largest and tallest, not to mention the most important, of the palace's buildings, was closed to the public in the afternoon so the president of Malaysia could tour the site.

They say Rome wasn't built in a day. It is quite apparent the Forbidden City wasn't either, and neither was the Chinese tourist industry. □



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The entrance to the Forbidden City in Beijing has millions of visitors pass through yearly.